

# Parma Democratic News

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## PARMA MAYOR SEES REASONS FOR OPTIMISM & LOOKS TO THE FUTURE



By Mayor Dean DePiero

In these very uncertain times, it is understandable to be nervous and scared about the state of our country. The economy is hurting, foreclosure rates are at an all-time high, joblessness is growing, and people's life savings are in jeopardy. I share all of these concerns with all of you.

The American spirit will persevere. Our economy will recover. But we must work together for the future. We must properly fund our schools, ensure that everyone has access to quality

healthier, and promote new high tech and green industries to create the new economy of the future. We must celebrate entrepreneurship and strongly promote new clean energy programs to make our country less reliant on foreign oil. We must keep taxes on working families low and promote home ownership for all Americans.

Our country has been through tough times before and emerged stronger and smarter. Today we must resolve not to repeat the mistakes of the past, strive to work together, and, most of all, we must vote for change on November 4th for a better America.

God bless all of you, the city of Parma and our great country.

Your Mayor,  
Dean DePiero

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## PARMA DEMOCRATIC PARTY NEWS

This is a very busy and exciting time for the Parma Democratic Party. We have been working hard on the Obama-Biden campaign, and every day we see more people excited by the campaign Barack Obama has run for the presidency.

He has stuck to the issues, and during these very hard economic times has shown real leadership in the face of crisis. Whereas, his opponent has really shown a very erratic way of handling the economic crisis.

We definitely need change, and I think we are seeing the way the country has been run over the last eight years that the change we need this November is Barack Obama as our next President!!!

There is still time to volunteer in the final days. The Obama headquarters is located at 5580 Ridge road, and the number is 216-849-0245. I am sure any time in the last few days that you could give would be surely appreciated.

If you would like to join the Parma Democratic Party, please contact me at 440-346-4353, or email us at [parmademparty@yahoo.com](mailto:parmademparty@yahoo.com).

It is not only a great group of Democrat's that work hard for electing Democrat's, but it is a fun time for everyone. We have four meetings a year, which includes our steak roast and a summer picnic. We are also working on a Christmas party with donations going to charity, so give us a call, come to a meeting, and visit our website at [parmademparty.com](http://parmademparty.com).

Sincerely,  
Chris Phelps  
City Leader

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## REP. DeGEETER & HOUSE DEMOCRATS LEAD OHIO'S REFORMS FOR CHANGE



By  
Timothy J. DeGeeter  
State Representative  
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During the 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, three bills introduced were enacted, which is a rare achievement for being a minority caucus member.

Among the three legislative measures is House Bill 46, which allows consumers to place a freeze on their credit reports before identity theft can take place. I have championed a credit freeze law since 2005 for better protections to safeguard consumers from potential identity thieves. The new law is aimed to prevent identity theft from occurring rather than simply being reactionary in nature like the existing laws we have addressed in the Ohio General Assembly. The law

also protects your personal information by requiring public offices to withdraw Social Security or federal ID numbers from documents made available to the public online.

Additionally, Governor Ted Strickland and House Democrats forged a new energy policy aimed to protect consumers from skyrocketing electricity prices.

This new energy policy has two main parts: one, the diversification of Ohio's future energy supply to include renewable and advanced energy, and energy efficiency standards. This will not only benefit the environment by encouraging the development of green industries, but it will also diversify Ohio's power grid so that we can become less dependent on outside energy sources. By 2025, 25% of a utility's energy will

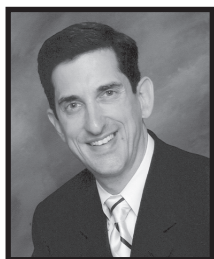
be required to come from advanced and renewable energy sources like wind and solar power while 2% will be mandated to come from energy efficiency. What is also so important is that new jobs may be created in Northeast Ohio from news businesses that manufacture wind and solar component parts. The second main part of the bill deals with the restructuring of electricity regulations which prohibits utility companies from collecting "excessive earnings".

Substitute Senate Bill 221 was signed into law by the Governor in April of this year and went into effect on July 31, 2008. Democrats have long been at the forefront of protecting the ratepayers, and the passing of this bill was a much-needed victory and a step in the right direction towards Ohio being taking the lead in reforming energy policy.

As the November 4<sup>th</sup> Election approaches, my House Democrat colleagues and I are extremely optimistic. With only four House seats needed to take the majority, it would be the first time since 1994 that Ohio House Democrats would have control of the House. If a majority is realized, there will be a great deal to celebrate, but more importantly, the opportunity to create policy that focuses on the economy, retaining and creating new jobs in Ohio, addressing middle-class concerns, and continuing to work with Governor Strickland to Turn Around Ohio will occur.

It is an honor and privilege to serve as your voice in Columbus. I may be reached at my District Office at 440.884.2400. The office is located at 5546 Pearl Road, Parma.

## TAKING MEASURES TO PREVENT FORECLOSURE



By  
Anthony Zielinski  
Treasurer

There are no other communities that I know who have harder working and more solid people than we have right here in our great city of Parma. We know the meaning of a hard day's work and taking care of our neighbors.

However, even with all of our strengths, the terrible financial situation in our country is certainly hurting us right here in Parma. We have a lot of different types of businesses and they are solid. With that being said, our manufacturing companies have suffered. We have a number of fine banks and mortgage companies that have not been immune to the turmoil that we've all heard about. The lack of credit now available due to the financial market problems has hit home to many of us of as we try to lease or buy a car, refinance or purchase a home, or just find credit.

As consumer confidence and spending go lower and lower, our retail

businesses in Parma are feeling it. The major problem of foreclosures and our sinking home values has hit all of us hard and will hit our property tax collections as well. All of this means more challenges to us as a community because as businesses suffer, employment suffers, and then so does our income tax collection which is the lion's share of our general fund that takes care of our city services.

The federal government has taken dramatic action recently to strengthen our financial markets and while we could all argue the pros and cons of the governments actions, the real question is how did we get here. As I look at all of the financial problems recently I can not help but think that the party in charge has been more worried about Wall Street than main street.

I have spent almost all of my professional career in private business and I can honestly say I am financially conservative. I have never wanted restrictive regulations or taxes. However, the Bush administration has taken the free market to its ultimate extreme. The lax enforcement of regulations has certainly

played a part in our terrible financial situation.

A key example of this is the Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) policy on voluntary regulation of investment banks. This is the same commission that is supposed to be the main regulator of Wall Street! How scary is that, Wall street was given responsibility to regulate itself! The SEC's policy was driven by its chairman, Christopher Cox, a President

Bush appointee.

We need a president that truly understands the financial problems of the middle class. We need Senator Barack Obama for president because we need our government, our president to be more concerned about main street than the players on Wall Street. If you feel, as I do, that our country has forgotten about places like Parma, please join me in electing Barack Obama President on November 4th!

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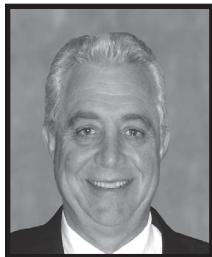


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## PARMA WARD 9 COUNCILMAN / MEMBER PIPEFITTER'S LOCAL #120



By  
Roy J. Jech  
Councilman

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The 2008 General Election is right around the corner. It is important for us to elect our friends running for various local, county, state and national offices. All of the endorsed candidates have been carefully screened by the Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council. We need to consider those that have made commitments to organized labor as we cast our ballots.

Seven years of Bush/Cheney policies have harmed the labor movement, destroyed the economy, and blemished the United States reputation around the world. There is absolutely no reason to believe that McCain/Palin will not bring a continuation of these policies.

There is absolutely no disputing that McCain/Palin despises organized labor and supports a right to work for less philosophy. Don't be fooled.

When Bill Clinton left office, there was a budget surplus, low unemployment, and a stable U.S. economy. During Bill Clinton's administration, organized labor was able to increase pension benefits, negotiate good wages, and improve the lives of all our members.

Today, the stock market is in the dumpster, the housing mortgage crisis is crippling all of our financial institutions, destroying our home values and threatening our pension plans. America is for sale on the world market. Additionally, the McCain/Palin ticket proposes to tax our health insurance premium with a new deduction from our paychecks.

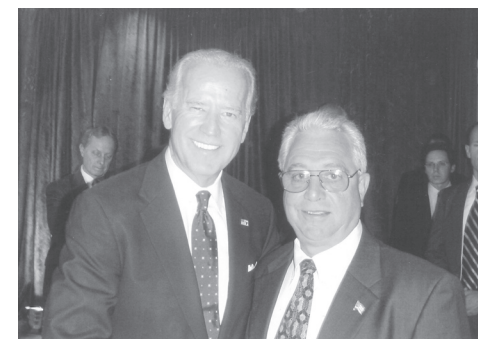
Those that have gone before us in the labor movement have sacrificed their blood and sometimes their lives to give us the life we enjoy today. They lie in cemeteries across our great land. It is our solemn duty to continue their fight. The Bush/Cheney/McCain/Palin teams have declared war on American Labor. The line in the sand has been drawn. Do we have the will to stand up against those who would destroy our standard of living? Will we stand by while we, as taxpayers, bail out the carpet bagging fat cats on Wall Street, while our members struggle to pay their bills? Are we willing to answer the call to tell all working people that we have the right to be heard? Will we rise up to the challenge of protecting the future of our children and our grandchildren?

Now is the time for all of us to respond to the call to protect the gains

for which we have fought so hard. There may not be a tomorrow. Brothers and Sisters, we must help to elect Senator Barack Obama as the President of the United States of America, and all other candidates included in this Democratic Newspaper.

Make your voice heard. Help take America back from those that have taken advantage of the everyday citizens of our great country.

Sincerely yours,  
Roy J. Jech



Senator Joe Biden and Councilman Roy J. Jech

## TEAMING UP TOGETHER FOR ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIVING PROGRAM



By  
Brian Day  
Councilman

I will again be teaming up with the Briggs Post Office for our annual Holiday Giving Program. Myself, along with the fine staff at the Briggs Post Office, led by manager Clara Nelson, are asking resident in the 44134 zip code to help out those needy families during the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Holiday Giving Program will include food collections to make baskets and then be delivered to local families experiencing difficult times this Thanksgiving. During this food collection, residents are able to drop off canned goods and staple goods at the Briggs Post Office.

The unique feature to this program is that the Mail Carriers/Employees of Briggs Post Office will be picking up donations from Parma resident's homes in the 44134 zip code beginning

**Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday November 25<sup>th</sup>.**

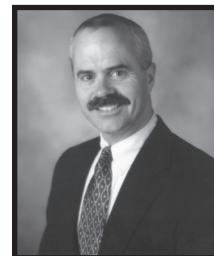
On Wednesday November 26<sup>th</sup> the baskets will be put together and delivered to needy families in our community. Please consider helping out those needy families this Thanksgiving.

If you are donating from home, please put canned goods and staple goods in bags or small boxes near your mail box. Please label for mail carrier "Thanksgiving Baskets".

Below are the dates and times canned food and staple goods will be collected at the Briggs Post Office, 5611 State Rd.

Wednesday, November 19 <sup>th</sup>	8 am – 6 pm
Thursday, November 20 <sup>th</sup>	8am – 6 m
Friday, November 21 <sup>st</sup>	8 am – 6 pm
Saturday, November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9 am – 2 pm*
Monday, November 24 <sup>th</sup>	8 am – 6 pm
Tuesday, November 25 <sup>th</sup>	8 am – 6 pm
Dock opens at 6:30 am on Weekdays *Dock open till 4 pm Saturday only	

## PASSPORT TO TRAVEL



By  
Dennis Kish  
Auditor

Your birth certificate is a key document in obtaining a passport.

In 2009, most likely a passport will be required to travel by land into Canada and Mexico. If those countries are

in your travel plans, do not put off applying for your passport.

As City Auditor, I serve as the local registrar for Vital Statistics. If you were born in Parma, we have your birth certificate on file and can prepare a certified copy for you.

Can't make it into City Hall, just call us at 440-885-8816.

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## HEALTHCARE UNDER ATTACK



By  
Marty Vittardi  
Clerk of Court

It is no secret that the large health insurance and pharmaceutical companies have a close relationship with the Republican Party. Republican officials from the federal level to

the state level are steadfast when supporting each other's agendas. Ultimately, it is the consumer who pays for this bond when it comes to healthcare and prescription drugs.

The time for change is now. The people who place their trust in these elected officials through their vote need to say that they have had enough! Affordable healthcare is a right that all American citizens deserve and should not be for sale. Under Republican administrative leadership, these two financial giants are unrestricted.

Republican officeholders want the public to believe that it doesn't matter what party is in control when it concerns healthcare costs. That is a myth that the Republican Party promotes in order to disguise the facts. In the 1990's, individual personal healthcare premiums and prescription

drugs were managed to control costs when they feared the Democratic Administration of President Bill Clinton. That trepidation disappeared when the Republican Administration of George W. Bush took office in 2001. As a result, huge increases in profits benefited the healthcare industry and drug companies once again.

We can turn this negative trend around by electing a Democrat, Barack Obama as President and keeping working class Democrats like Dennis Kucinich in Congress. It is time for the people to demand accountability in the healthcare and pharmaceutical industry.

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## HOW'S THAT WORKING FOR YOU?



By  
Tom Regas  
Councilman

I received my economic stimulus check for \$600 from George Bush and promptly made a payment on my home equity loan. What did you do with yours? That \$600 will now cost

me, you and every other taxpayer, at least \$7,500, if you trust their estimates. I base this statement on the presumption that George Bush sent these checks after consulting with the same people that are advising him now. So how's that stimulus check working out for you?

We are now in the middle of the worst economic crisis since 1929, which coincidentally followed a decade of unchecked Republican oversight. Recognized losses will easily surpass a trillion dollars. This is only the beginning of the bubble burst and if we as citizens question the urgency, the underlying causes or the credentials of those people proposing the solutions, we are being partisan and jeopardizing

the welfare of ordinary Americans. Does this claim sound familiar? It is kind of like being UN-American for questioning the wisdom of financing two wars. This crisis comes on the heels of Enron and WorldCom that made 200 billion disappear. This as yet unnamed agency being created to deal with these messes, along with Homeland Security, based on personnel and budgets, will be two of the largest government agencies ever established. These agencies will dwarf any of those created during the New Deal. This Administration is unapologetically presiding over the most ambitious intrusion of government into the market in memory. The message we should carry away is just how much these Free Market loving Republicans really feel about smaller government. It seems they are always trying to privatize profit and socialize losses.

Henry Paulson, the Secretary of the Treasury and the architect of the bailout, presented Congress with a total of three pages of explanation and then stated it was imperative Congress pass this legislation without hesitation. Henry Paulson retired as CEO of

Goldman Sachs with a \$500 million dollar payday. If he is worth 500 million of his stockholders dollars, why didn't he see this brick wall in front of his face? Our dollars value is based on trust. The market is apparently agnostic because the only place it places trust is the full faith and credit of the U. S. Government. That trust has now been severely challenged. Mr. Paulson along with a fair and balanced media would have us believe that the government may even make a profit. The next thing you know they will try to sell us a bridge to nowhere. I would have a much easier time accepting this plan if it wasn't being sold by a group of people that continually explore the bounds of credulity.

Your neighborhood, your home's value and your pension will be affected by these decisions for decades. Your children and their children will pay for this bailout along with their student loans for the rest of their lives. Irresponsible banks were willing to finance 120% of a home's value. I guess it's a big surprise that this could result in bad loans. These foreclosures will be in our neighborhoods for years. The Resolution Trust Corporation established in the 1980's to clean up after the Savings

and Loan industry (involving Charles Keating, good friend of John McCain and Neil Bush, son and brother of a president) still had \$20,000,000,000, that's billions, of worthless assets on hand when it was dissolved. These properties still dot the landscape and remain detriments to our neighborhoods.

As usual, instead of hanging their heads in shame, these Republicans want to place blame at the feet of ordinary citizens. The argument given by the republicans is that the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 is the culprit. The CRA required banks to make a portion of their funds available to the community they serve. Changes to the CRA are sometime cited for the growth of the sub prime industry. It was these mortgage instruments that companies like Goldman Sachs, Bear Stearns and Lehman Bros. bundled and sold. The argument is kind of like the burglar arguing that his victim left the door open.

It seems that whenever we turn our government and the markets over to Republicans, we spend the next decade cleaning up the mess. So I ask you, how's that working out for you?



## OBAMA AND BIDEN ARE THE BEST CANDIDATES FOR THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION



By  
Sean Brennan  
Councilman

As a public school educator for nearly fourteen years, I have a pretty good understanding of what types of policies work and do not work when it comes to improving student achievement. After comparing the educational platforms of Democrats Barack Obama and Joseph Biden and their opponents, I am convinced that the Obama-Biden ticket rests on a much stronger foundation.

Obama's positions on a wide variety of issues are quite close to core beliefs of the many of my colleagues and I. In fact, we applaud the Obama-Biden approach to rise above partisanship toward a vision for a public education system that works.

One of the areas in which Obama and Biden have it right is the issue of unfunded and underfunded Federal mandates. The Federal Government is good at passing requirements that prove costly to our schools and local taxpayers. Unfortunately, the Federal Government does not cover the full cost of implementing these very expensive laws, which are required by our local school districts. In fact, if the local schools do not implement them, they face losing what Federal funds they do receive. Therefore, the local schools are forced to go to the local taxpayers to request a rise in property taxes to help cover these costs. This is an appalling situation that must be corrected. Obama and Biden support fixing this continuing funding gap.

Obama and Biden also support the following initiatives: enhancing programs for recruiting, preparing and retaining quality teachers, promoting 21<sup>st</sup> century skill, innovation and creativity, calling for parental responsibility and involvement in the education of their children – both at school and in the home, pushing college-level coursework in high schools, including advanced placement courses, making charter schools, which pull funding from our public schools, more accountable, among other policies.

Barack Obama has a proven track record of being a leader on educational issues throughout his career. In the Illinois State Senate, Obama was a leader on early childhood education, helping create the state's Early Learning Council. In the U.S. Senate, Obama has been a leader in working to make college more affordable. In fact, his very first bill sought to increase the maximum Pell Grant award to \$5,100. As a member of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions committee, Obama helped pass legislation to achieve that goal in the recent improvements to the Higher Education Act. Obama has also introduced legislation to create Teacher Residency Programs and to increase federal support for summer learning opportunities.

In closing, I urge you to vote Obama-Biden in the upcoming General Election. A vote for their opponents is a vote for the continued stagnant policies of the past eight years that have left our children, and taxpayers, behind. Please join me in voting for positive change in education on Tuesday, November 4.



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# DeGeeter

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## THE ILLUSION OF CHANGE



By  
Nick Celebrezze  
Councilman

For the past few months we have heard John McCain and the Republicans speak about how giving them another 4 years of life at Pennsylvania Avenue will bring forth the desperate needed change to our country. We have heard their political spin and their fudging of facts, and unfortunately, a good portion of Americans have begun to believe that this fictional story is true. However, John McCain and his "stories" are just that...an illusion of change.

The truth is that under Republican controlled government the following

things have happened to our country: we went to war against the wrong country, the orchestrator of the worst terrorist attack against the United States has never been caught, an entire city was left in ruins after our government failed to send in support after a natural disaster, our economy is on the verge of a depression having lost trillions of dollars and millions of jobs, and the Federal Government refuses to provide cities like Parma any financial help. And as our country gets run into the ground, the Republicans would like us to believe that the issues that really matter are moose-hunting and calling Barack Obama, a self made man raised by a single mother on food stamps, an elitist, regardless that their candidate has more homes to count and has a family fortune that is nine-digits long.

This is our time as Democrats to get angry! This is our time to encourage the estimated 24,000 not-registered residents of Parma to get out there and register and VOTE for Barack Obama and the Democrats! This is our time to take a stand and let the Republicans know that we deserve actual change and not just an illusion of it! And this is our time to take back the Whitehouse, and vote for Barack Obama as our next President of the United States on November 4!

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## RECAPTURING THE AMERICAN DREAM



By  
Scott Tuma  
Councilman

When my Father-in-Law arrived in the United States from Italy over 50 years ago, he carried with him the hope that someday, through hard work and perseverance, he would be able to make a better life for his family. Arriving with no money in his pockets, he found work as a tailor and labored long hours to eventually provide a home for his family and a good education for his two children. To

him and to millions of others, America represented a living symbol of freedom and opportunity. My own father worked long hours as a truck Driver for Pepsi Cola when he was young and eventually saved up enough money to pay his way through law school. He continued to work days and attended school at night. He has now been practicing law for over 40 years and works with three of his seven sons, also attorneys. These two honorable men along with several other generations of Americans are part of a success story known as "Achieving the American Dream".

Today, many hard working Americans struggle to "Achieve the American Dream". Despite working long hours, despite doing everything right, they find themselves unable to provide a better life for their families as their parents and grandparents had. For many Americans, the hope of achieving a better, more fulfilling life has faded. I am writing to tell you that our Democratic candidate, Barack Obama is fighting to restore the hope of a better tomorrow for millions of Americans and to "give every family the chance that so many of our parents and grandparents had" of recapturing the "American Dream".

Barack Obama wants to ensure that future generations of Americans will have an opportunity to continue providing a more secure way of life for each succeeding generation. As President, Barack Obama will work hard to protect our families and strengthen our economy by: Expanding the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA); Raising the Minimum Wage; Combating Mortgage Fraud and Subprime Loans; and Making College More Affordable. I encourage you to give Barack Obama an opportunity to help us all make a better tomorrow for our children. I humbly ask you to vote for change and to Vote for Barack Obama as our next President.

# Breathing fresh air into Cleveland Plus

As the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor, Bill Mason has spearheaded a number of innovative programs designed to improve the quality of life for Northeast Ohioans. Along with leading initiatives to make the justice system more efficient and effective, Mason has served as chair of several major task forces, including the Ohio Internet Crimes Task Force; the Northern Ohio Elder Protection Training Council; and Community Prosecution, which takes assistant prosecutors out of their downtown offices to work directly with residents, community, religious and civic leaders and local law enforcement to battle crime.

In his role as Prosecuting Attorney of Ohio's largest county, Mason oversees a staff of more than 350 assistant prosecutors and support personnel. The office's criminal division alone handles more than 17,000 felony indictments annually. For his leadership as Chair of Ohio's



Prosecutor Bill Mason

Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, the Department of Justice awarded its first ICAC National Leadership Award to Bill Mason in 2006.

Now, Mason is leveraging his leadership to bring jobs to Cleveland Plus,

an initiative that symbolizes the bright future of Northeast Ohio. As chair of the Great Lakes Energy Task Force, Mason is poised to contribute to that future. The Task Force's goals squarely reflect the strengths of Cleveland Plus: technology, health care, and higher education.

Mason and the Task Force members believe that advanced energy is the future, and Cleveland Plus has the potential to establish itself as a leader in the field. The projects in the field are boundless. The Task Force's mission is to look at these different energy sources: renewable wind power and solar power; production of bio-fuels, such as ethanol, from biomass

materials or agricultural products; and co-generation of electricity from surplus heat or steam from industrial facilities or other utilities. In addition, the Task Force will support the State of Ohio's Third Frontier Program related to fuel cells and projects relating to energy demand such as energy conservation and energy efficiency projects.

### Now, Mason is leveraging his leadership to bring jobs to Cleveland Plus

One exciting project that is rapidly moving forward is the Great Lakes Wind Energy Center—the first freshwater, offshore, wind demonstration project in the world. It would be comprised of two components: a demonstration project consisting of up to 10 wind turbines producing up to 20 megawatts of electricity located

three to six miles offshore from downtown Cleveland in Lake Erie; and an affiliated research center to facilitate industry testing of next-generation utility-scale wind technologies for offshore and onshore application.

The demonstration project component of the Center aims to facilitate the future deployment of wind turbines in the Great Lakes, which would provide a secure and clean source of energy for Northeast Ohio. The research component of the Center aims to attract businesses that will accelerate and support the emergence of the wind industry in the coming years. The research center also aims to tap Cleveland Plus's vast higher education resources to further research and develop the advanced energy fields.

Along with these technological, health, and higher education benefits, Mason believes that Cleveland Plus could greatly benefit from jobs being created by an entire new advanced energy industry. However, this economic catalyst is contingent upon the Ohio state legislature enacting a

bold advanced energy portfolio standard (AEPS), a cause Mason and Task Force members are championing in Columbus.

This AEPS will make Ohio more attractive to turbine manufacturers from around the world and allow



the 82 companies in Ohio currently making parts for wind turbines to grow and meet the new demand from the turbine industry. (Currently 28 states have renewable energy policies.) Many of the Task Force members traveled to the 2007 Wind Power conference in Los Angeles earlier this summer. It is clear that any European corporation that is considering Ohio for its U.S. operations will only do so when Ohio possesses an AEPS. Time is of the essence.

The breath of fresh air generated by the wind industry is critically needed in Cleveland Plus. This area is currently not in compliance with EPA standards. It is at risk of becoming designated as a non-EPA attainment region. Consequently, the federal government can withhold federal dollars. Pursuant to the Clean Air Act, no new plant that emits carbon monoxide (CO) can be built until the region reduces its air pollution. The American Lung Association gave Cuyahoga County an "F" on its air quality report card. Given the poor quality of air, the benefits of the wind industry only become more appealing for Cleveland Plus. Wind energy has a net reduction of green house gases, and wind turbines do not emit CO in the air. The wind industry offers Cleveland Plus a bright future and the new image of a thriving, vibrant green city by the blue lake.

Cleveland Plus is fertile ground to grow advanced energy industries. Seeding the ground for this exciting future is Mason's goal as chair of the Great Lakes Energy Task Force.



Photo by Fletcher Miller, Green Energy Ohio



# State Senator Dale Miller

## ELECTION IS FOR OUR ECONOMIC FUTURE

The central issue in the Presidential election is whether President Bush's economic policies are good for the middle class.

In the past 8 years we have seen... manufacturing jobs lost... tax breaks for the wealthy... little for the middle class... rising unemployment... soaring oil prices... record foreclosures... bank failures... record budget deficits of \$432 billion.

If you have had it and can't take anymore, vote for BARACK OBAMA. If you like things the way they are and want more, vote for John McCain.

SENATOR OBAMA will create new high quality jobs through alternative energy; help the U.S. auto industry retool to make fuel-efficient cars; and help homeowners and communities deal with the foreclosure crisis.

Senator McCain's economic plans will be less helpful to the middle class.

SENATOR OBAMA wants to renegotiate trade deals that hurt American workers and stop giving tax breaks to corporations that ship jobs overseas. Senator McCain has recently been in Canada and Mexico praising free trade.

SENATOR OBAMA proposes a \$1,000 per family tax break for the middle class and ending Bush's tax breaks for the wealthy. Senator McCain originally opposed Bush's tax cuts for the wealthy but now wants to continue them.

SENATOR OBAMA supports the EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT to enable workers to gain union representation through a simpler card-check process. Senator McCain would veto that legislation and keep the current NLRB election process which makes it very difficult for labor to organize.

Those who are making big profits in this economy will try to get you to VOTE AGAINST YOUR OWN ECONOMIC INTERESTS with appeals to social issues, patriotism, complaints about the candidate's wife, false rumors, and perhaps even race. DON'T BE

DISTRACTED! This election is about whether you want hope and change or whether you want 4 more years of Bush's economic policies.



## OHIO PASSES ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN

With my support, the Ohio Legislature passed Governor Strickland's \$1.57 billion economic stimulus program to strengthen the underpinnings of Ohio's economy to position us for future growth. The key components are:

- \$550 million for industrial growth, including workforce development, advanced energy, and biomedical development
- \$620 million for infrastructure, including public works, historic preservation, and logistics and distribution
- \$400 for Clean Ohio for redevelopment of contaminated sites and green space preservation.

Note: Senator Dale Miller has a 4 year term and is not up for election this year.

## FIVE STATE ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Provides an earlier filing deadline for statewide ballot issues. It prevents loss of tax dollars for issues that don't make the ballot. **Vote Yes.**

ISSUE 2: Authorizes \$400 million bond sale for Clean Ohio. Redevelopment of contaminated industrial sites is especially important in Greater Cleveland. **Vote Yes.**

ISSUE 3: Puts current laws protecting private water rights in the Ohio Constitution. Current protections are sufficient, but it does no harm. **Vote Yes.**

ISSUE 4: Require 7 paid sick days. *WITHDRAWN FROM THE BALLOT*

ISSUE 5: The question is whether to approve the bill passed by the Legislature to limit the interest rate on pay day loans to 28% and to limit customers to 4 loans per year. A yes vote approves the bill; a no vote prevents it from becoming law. **Vote Yes.**

ISSUE 6: Authorizes a casino in Southern Ohio. I have supported better casino plans, but this proposal doesn't include Northeast Ohio, and taxpayers don't make out as well as in earlier proposals. Wait for something better. **Vote No.**

Paid for by Friends of Dale Miller, 4300 West 143rd St., Cleveland, OH 44135, Doug Henderson, Treasurer



# Deena R. Calabrese

for

## Judge - Common Pleas

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## SAMPLE DEMOCRATIC BALLOT

- For President  
**Barack Obama**
- For Rep. to Congress, 10th District  
**Dennis J. Kucinich**
- For Attorney General  
**Richard Cordray**
- For State Representative, 15th District  
**Timothy J. DeGeeter**
- For County Commissioner  
**Tim Hagan**  
*Full Term Commencing 1-2-09*
- For County Commissioner  
**Peter Lawson Jones**  
*Full Term Commencing 1-3-09*
- For County Prosecutor  
**Bill Mason**
- For Clerk of Court of Common Pleas  
**Gerald E. Fuerst**
- For County Sheriff  
**Gerald T. McFaul**
- For County Recorder  
**Lillian J. Greene**
- For County Treasurer  
**Jim Rokakis**
- For County Engineer  
**Robert C. Klaiber, Jr.**
- For County Coroner  
**Frank Miller**
- For Justice, Supreme Court  
**Joseph D. Russo**  
*Full Term Commencing 1-1-09*  
**Peter M. Sikora**  
*Full Term Commencing 1-2-09*
- For Judge, Court of Appeals 8th District  
**Sean C. Gallagher**  
*Full Term Commencing 2-9-09*  
**Larry A. Jones**  
*Full Term Commencing 2-10-09*  
**Patricia Ann Blackmon**  
*Full Term Commencing 2-11-09*  
**Kenneth A. Rocco**  
*Full Term Commencing 2-12-09*
- For Judge, Court of Common Pleas  
**Michael J. Russo**  
*Full Term Commencing 1-1-09*  
**Nancy A. Fuerst**  
*Full Term Commencing 1-2-09*  
**Steven J. Terry**  
*Full Term Commencing 1-3-09*  
**Nancy R. McDonnell**  
*Full Term Commencing 1-4-09*  
**Brendan J. Sheehan**  
*Full Term Commencing 1-5-09*  
**Eileen A. Gallagher**  
*Full Term Commencing 1-6-09*  
**Nancy Margaret Russo**  
*Full Term Commencing 1-7-09*  
**Lynn McLaughlin Murray**  
*Full Term Commencing 1-10-09*  
**Deena R. Calabrese**  
*Full Term Commencing 2-9-09*  
**Lance T. Mason**  
*Unexpired Term Ending 1-4-11*
- For Judge, Domestic Relations Division  
**Timothy M. Flanagan**  
*Full Term Commencing 1-8-09*  
**Leslie Ann Celebrezze**  
*Full Term Commencing 1-9-09*
- For Judge, Probate Division  
**Anthony J. Russo**  
*Full Term Commencing 1-1-09*  
**Laura J. Gallagher**  
*Full Term Commencing 2-9-09*

## SUPPORT OUR LIBRARY!

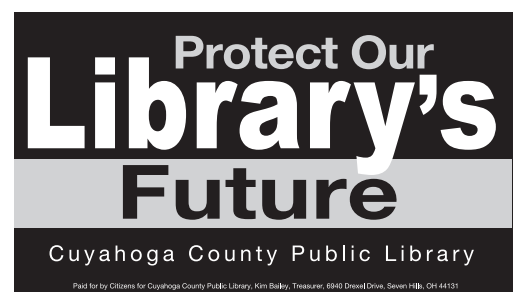
This November, voters in 47 communities served by Cuyahoga County Public Library will be asked to vote FOR **ISSUE 127** to protect our Library. **ISSUE 127** is critical to ensure the Library keeps pace with the growing demand for materials and services, and stays up-to-date in today's information-driven economy.

**ISSUE 127** is the library's only local support and represents nearly half of its annual operating budget. Cuyahoga County Public Library is ranked first in the nation among libraries of its size and is the nation's fifth busiest library. When you vote please remember to protect our library and vote FOR **ISSUE 127**. Now more than ever we need to protect our County Library.

**ISSUE 127** is especially important in the City of Parma—the home of Cuyahoga County Public Library's administrative offices and three of its branches which together employ roughly 300 people. The three Parma branches – Parma-Ridge, Parma-Snow and Parma-South – are among the busiest in Cuyahoga County Public Library system, receiving over 800,000 visits last year alone.

Throughout the year, the Parma branches host a variety of free community services and programs for all ages, including book discussion groups, children's and teen's activities, career counseling and healthcare seminars for seniors. These programs are made possible in part through the Friends of the Parma Libraries group – a collective of over 500 volunteers who generously donate time, energy and money to support their local libraries. During the school year, the Parma-Ridge Branch also offers a free Homework Center where students in grades K-6 can receive homework assistance from trained tutors, and a computer lab where free computer training courses are held.

**ISSUE 127** is affordable. It is a 2.5 mill issue that will replace Cuyahoga County Public Library's existing 2 mill levy, which will expire in 2009. **ISSUE 127** adds just \$1.76 per month to a \$100,000 property, still the lowest millage of any library in Cuyahoga County.



## MAKING THE RIGHT DECISION SHOULD BE EASY



By  
*Chuck Germana*  
Council President

When trying to make up your mind on who to vote for, just consider the Democratic Party's Core Values: secure Social Security funding; ending the war in Iraq as soon as possible; equal pay for equal work; universal health care for all; tax breaks for the middle class, not the top 5% wealthiest; reasonable federal regulation to protect everyone's investments in 401(k)'s and other retirement plans.

Social Security is one plan that many Americans have come to rely on. The Republicans have been advocating personal market diversions with social security contributions. In light of these economic times, most of these proposed diversions would have resulted in disaster.

Ending the Iraq war and bringing home our troops is a key goal. We invaded that country for the wrong reasons, and we should not have gone there in the first place. We took our eye off of the real enemy in Afghanistan, that being Osama Bin Laden and his terrorist

followers.

Equal pay for equal work is a no brainer. With most families needing two incomes to stay afloat these days, we must reward fair wages for all wage earners, regardless of gender.

Our health care inflation has gone out of sight, and many employers that offer health care for their employees have many times been put in an uncompetitive environment. There is no reason that the richest country in the world should have so many people who are unable to receive healthcare because they are uninsured. Americans deserve universal health care, and we should make this a priority.

The Republicans have been giving out huge tax breaks to the richest 5% of individuals and corporations. It is about time that the middle class gets the breaks. Small businesses that provide so many good jobs in this country should also get some tax relief.

And if you still haven't made up your mind yet, please think about the mess 8 years of Bush and Republican Deregulators made of our economy. We need to bring back Democratic rule and stability in our economy, such as we enjoyed dur-

ing former President Clinton's 8 year tenure as commander-in-chief.

Your decision should be to vote Democratic this year. Our economic and secure future depends on making the right change.



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