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CANDIDATES FOR THE FRANKLIN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S RACE



THE ROLE OF THE PROSECUTOR:

CAN ALSO BE KNOWN AS THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, STANDS AS THE STATE'S REPRESENTATION IN A TRIAL. THEY CHOOSE WHETHER OR NOT TO CHARGE AND WHAT TO CHARGE ON. THEY HAVE POWER OVER HOW MUCH DISCRETION THEY USE AND A RESULT, THEY PLAY A LARGE ROLE IN HOW THOSE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES ARE TREATED DURING THEIR CASES. PROSECUTORS HAVE ABSOLUTE IMMUNITY. IN THE UNITED STATES, PROSECUTORS 95% WHITE, 81 PERCENT MALE AND OVERWHELMINGLY CONSERVATIVE. THE ONLY WAY THE COMMUNITY CAN HOLD PROSECUTORS ACCOUNTABLE IS THEIR OUR VOTE.



RON O'BRIEN (R)

- **EDUCATION:** GRADUATED FROM OSU MORITZ LAW IN 1974
- **CURRENT OR PAST OCCUPATIONS:** ELECTED IN 1996 FC PROSECUTOR
- **DISTINCTIONS:** MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
- **WEBSITE:** [HTTP://WWW.RONOBRIEN.COM/](http://www.ronobrien.com/)

- Longest running Franklin County Prosecutor for last 23 years
- Opiate & Heroin Addiction: Get addicts the treatment they need instead of simply sending them to prison.
- Large emphasis on prosecuting corruption: Prosecuted Republican Governor and Democrat Attorney General for ethic law violations as well as elected officials and lobbyists
- Implementing Criminal Justice Reform: he has proposed legislation that would charge low-level, non-violent drug offenders with misdemeanors instead of felonies and his office works with the Juvenile Court to find community alternatives to confinement
- Eliminating Human Trafficking: Member of the Central Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force and he has contributed funding to CATCH court, a special docket for women who have been victims of human trafficking
- Fighting Terrorism: Member of the federal Joint Terrorism Task Force for the Southern District of Ohio
- Committed to the Integrity of Conviction: He views the purpose of the office to be to protect the residents of FC and to ensure justice for all, and recognizes that neither of those interests is served if someone is wrongfully convicted.



GARY TYACK (D)

- **EDUCATION:**GRADUATED FROM OSU MORITZ LAW IN 1974, GRADUATED FROM METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL IN OHIO IN 2000
- **CURRENT OR PAST OCCUPATIONS:**SERVED A JUDGE ON 10TH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS, VISITING JUDGE ON THE OHIO SUPREME COURT
- **DISTINCTIONS:** SAT ON THE WORTHINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
- **WEBSITE:** [HTTP://TYACKFORPROSECUTOR.COM/](http://tyackforprosecutor.com/)

- Reimagining bail: wants to end cash bail for low level crimes
- Decriminalize mental health: He wants to increase mental health supports such as having social workers available at arraignment and training for prosecutors. He also wants to create a community based crisis stabilization center.
- Expand drug court so that it an process more cases and ensure the option of seeking treatment
- Expunge past convictions that would not be prosecuted today
- Set up our youth for success
- Utilizing diversion programs for low-level offenses
- Exposure to trauma/ history of youth taken into account when considering charges/plea bargains/ sentencing
- Keeping juvenile records confidential
- Proactively address racial disparities
- Promoting greater cooperation amongst all involved parities
- Implement recurring implicit bias training
- Making sure the demographics of the Prosecutor staff reflects demographics of the community
- Leave the death penalty for only the most extreme situations
- Weigh the costs of incarceration
- Wants to consider the costs of incarceration when it comes to non-violent, low-level offenders