



## THE HEART OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY

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### **MEMORANDUM**

To: Mayor Gregory P. Kurtz  
Members of Council

From: Finance Director Vernon Blaze

Date: Friday, November 11, 2022

Re: Finance Office and Related Topic Updates

#### **2022 Election Results - Independence**

Independence itself only had two direct candidates or issues on this past Tuesday's ballot – Issues 59 and 60.

Issue 59 was the proposed Charter Amendment that would extend the number of consecutive terms someone could serve as the Mayor from two, four-year terms (eight years) to three, four-year terms (12 years). This issue garnered 37% "Yes" votes and 63% "No" votes. (Note: All election results are still "unofficial" until they are certified later in November or in early December).

Issue 60 was the proposed Charter Amendment that would have increased the City's bidding amount from \$15,000 to \$25,000. This issue fared a little better than Issue 59, garnering 42% "Yes" votes and 58% "No" votes.

The Metroparks replacement levy fared the best in Independence of all races and issues followed, garnering 73% "Yes" votes and only 27% "No" votes.

## 2022 Election Results – Independence - Continued

The Port Authority renewal levy also easily won in Independence, but with not quite as much support as the Metroparks Replacement Levy – 63% “Yes” votes to 37% “No” votes.

Even though Chris Ronayne easily won county-wide as Cuyahoga County’s next County Executive, Lee Weingart still won in Independence with 61% of votes cast to 39% cast for Chris.

Those percentages were the exact same ones for the Congressional District that Independence will now be in. Max Miller will be Independence’s next Congressional Representative, who garnered 61% of Independence’s votes to 39% for Matthew Diemer.

The numbers tightened some in the U.S. Senate race to replace retiring U.S. Senator Bob Portman. JD Vance won 56% of Independence’s votes in this race while Tim Ryan garnered 44% of Independence’s votes.

At the state level, all five (5) Executive Branch incumbents were on Tuesday’s ballot, and all five easily won in Independence as well as state-wide.

In order based on the percentage of votes received in Independence against their challengers, are:

Governor	Mike DeWine	68%
Attorney General	Dave Yost	66%
Secretary of State	Frank LaRose	66%
Auditor of State	Keith Faber	65%
Treasurer	Robert Sprague	64%

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections currently has 5,924 people registered to vote in Independence. Of those 5,924 people, 3,888 of them cast ballots either this Tuesday or prior to that via mail or in-person at the Board of Elections building. That 65.6% voter participation/turnout ranked near the top of all cities, villages and townships in Cuyahoga County for turnout this past Tuesday. Nice job, Independence voters!!