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OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

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Г	Mahoning County	General Election	November 4, 2014
11	Instructions to Voter	For Secretary of State	For County Auditor
	<ul> <li>* To vote: completely darken the oval</li> <li>( ◆ ) to the left of your choice.</li> </ul>	(Vote for not more than 1)  Jon Husted Republican	(Vote for not more than 1)  Michael V. Sciortino  Democratic
	* Note the permitted number of choices directly below the title of each candidate office. Do not mark the ballot for more choices than allowed.	Kevin Knedler Libertarian	Ralph T. Meacham Republican
21	<ul> <li>If you mark the ballot for more choices than permitted, that contest or question will not be counted.</li> <li>* To vote for a write-in candidate:</li> </ul>	Nina Turner Democratic	For Member of the State Board of Education (8th District) (Vote for not more than 1)
	completely darken the oval (  ) to the left of the blank line and write in the	For Treasurer of State (Vote for not more than 1)	Robert F. Hagan
	candidate's name. Only votes cast for candidates who filed as write-in candidates can be counted.	Connie Pillich Democratic	C Kathleen Purdy
	* Do not write in a candidate's name if that person's name already is printed on the ballot for that same contest.	Josh Mandel Republican	For Justice of the Supreme Court Full Term Commencing 1/1/2015 (Vote for not more than 1)
	* If you make a mistake or want to change your vote: return your ballot to an election official and get a new ballot. You may ask for a new ballot up to two times.	For Representative to Congress (13th District) (Vote for not more than 1)	Tom Letson Sharon Kennedy
40	For Governor and Lieutenant Governor (To vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, darken the oval at the left of the joint candidates of your choice.)	Tim Ryan Democratic	For Justice of the Supreme Court Full term commencing 1/2/2015 (Vote for not more than 1)
	<ul><li>Edward FitzGerald and</li></ul>	Thomas Pekarek. Republican	John P. O'Dønnell  Judi French
44	Sharen Swartz Neuhardt Democratic		For Judge of the Court of Appeals
	John Kasich and Mary Taylor Republican	Write-in  For State Senator (33rd District)	Full Term Commencing 2/9/2015 (Vote for not more than 1)  Carol Ann Robb
47	<ul><li>Anita Rios and Bob Fitrakis</li></ul>	(Vote for not more than 1)	Anthony Donofrio  For Judge of the Court of Appeals
	For Attorney General (Vote for not more than 1)	Joseph L. Schiavoni Democratic	(7th District) Full Term Commencing 2/10/2015 (Vote for not more than 1)
	David Pepper Democratic	For State Representative (58th District) (Vote for not more than 1)	Cheryl L. Waite
	Mike DeWine Republican	Michele Lepore-Hagan Democratic	For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas Full Term Commencing 1/2/2015 (Vote for not more than 1)
54		5	Maureen A. Sweeney
	For Auditor of State (Vote for not more than 1)  Bob Bridges Libertarian	For County Commissioner Full term commencing 1/1/2015 (Vote for not more than 1)	For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas Full Term Commencing 2/9/2015 (Vote for not more than 1)
	John Patrick Carney	Carol Rimedio-Righetti Democratic	R. Scott Krichbaum  For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas
	Democratic		Full term commencing 7/1/2015 (Vote for not more than 1)
	Dave Yost     Republican		John M. Durkin

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General Election

Mahoning County For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (Domestic Relations Division) Full Term Commencing 1/1/2015 (Vote for not more than 1) Beth A. Smith For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (Probate Division) Full Term Commencing 2/9/2015 (Vote for not more than 1) Robert Rusu Susan Maruca ISSUE 1 PROPOSED SALES AND USE TAX (RENEWAL AND ADDITIONAL) JUSTICE TAX MAHONING COUNTY A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. The Board of County Commissioners of Mahoning County proposes continuation of an existing levy for a sales and use tax in the amount of ½ percent commencing October 1, 2015 and an additional ¼ percent commencing on April 1, 2015 both for the purpose of providing criminal and administrative justice services of the Sheriff, Coroner, and Prosecutor and for 9-1-1 for a five (5) year period of time.

SHALL THE RESOLUTION OF THE MAHONING COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS PROPOSING THE CONTINUATION OF AN EXISTING ½ PERCENT AND AN ADDITIONAL ¼ PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX BE APPROVED FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR PERIOD?

○ YES

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ISSUE 2
PROPOSED TAX LEVY
(REPLACEMENT)
MAHONING COUNTY
CHILDREN SERVICES
A majority affirmative vote is
necessary for passage.

A replacement of two existing levies for the benefit of Mahoning County for the purpose of the support of children services and care and placement of children at a rate not exceeding 1.85 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.185 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2014, first due in calendar year 2015.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

ISSUE 3
PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL AND INCREASE)
MAHONING COUNTY
Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County
(Excluding Alliance City School District, Columbiana Exempted School District, Hubbard Exempted School District and Leetonia Exempted School District)
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of 1.8 mills and an increase of 0.6 mill to constitute a tax for the benefit of the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County, also known as the Reuben McMillan Free Library Association for the purpose of maintenance and operation at a rate not exceeding 2.4 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.24 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2015, first due in calendar year 2016.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

ISSUE 4
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT
(By Petition)
CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall <u>Section 122</u>, <u>Community Bill of Rights</u>, of the Charter of the City of Youngstown be enacted to read as follows:

## COMMUNITY BILL OF RIGHTS

Section 122-1 The rights enumerated herein are adopted pursuant to the people's natural inherent right to preserve and protect themselves, their families and their community, both human and natural, and their constitutional right of local community self-government.

A. Right to Local Community Self-Government. All Youngstown residents possess the right to local community self-government, which shall include the right to enact local laws recognizing and protecting fundamental rights.

- B. Right of Self-Government. The people's right of self-government includes the authority to change their municipal system of government to restrict corporate and governmental powers that interfere with that right. The people, therefore, have a right to use their municipal corporations to make and enforce laws, without limiting or abridging their right of self-government, and the right to subordinate corporate powers to this right.
- C. Right to a Sustainable Energy Future. All City residents possess the right to a sustainable energy future. That right shall include the right to be free from any oil and gas extraction that would violate the right of residents to pure water, clean air, the

peaceful enjoyment of their home, or their right to be free from toxic chemical trespass; or that would violate the right of natural communities and ecosystems to exist and flourish.

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Section 122-2 Rights as Self-Executing. All rights delineated and secured by this Charter are fundamental, unalienable, and self-executing; and these rights shall be enforceable against private and public entities.

Section 122-3 Securing and Protecting Rights. To further secure and protect the rights enumerated by the Community Bill of Rights the following shall be Law:

A. It shall be unlawful for any government or corporation to engage in the extraction of oil and gas within the City of Youngstown. The term "to engage in the extraction of oil and gas" shall include the use of unconventional high volume, high pressure, horizontal and directional drilling technology, commonly known as "hydro-fracturing," and related activities. It shall also include the depositing, disposal, storage, and transportation of water or chemicals to be used in the extraction of oil and gas, and the disposal or processing of waste products from the extraction of oil and gas. The term shall also include the extraction of water within Youngstown for use in the extraction of oil and gas, as well as the application for, or issuance of, permits which allow any of these activities. These prohibitions shall not apply to the manufacture, production, sale, or distribution of materials and components used in the extraction of oil and gas, so long as such materials and components are not sited to engage in the extraction of oil and gas within the City of Youngstown.

- B. Governments or corporations engaging in the extraction of oil and gas adjacent to Youngstown shall be strictly liable for all harms caused within the City of Youngstown, including, but not limited to, harm to Meander Creek and its tributaries.
- C. Corporations which violate this Charter Section, or which seek to violate this Charter Section, shall not be deemed to be "persons," nor shall they possess any other legal rights, privileges, powers, or protections which would interfere with the rights or prohibitions enumerated by this Amendment. The term "rights, privileges, powers, or protection" shall include the power to assert that the people of this municipality lack adopt the authority to Amendment, and the power to assert state, federal, or international preemptive laws in an attempt to international overturn this Amendment.

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PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT
CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN D. No permit, license, privilege, or be classified as follows: charter issued by any state or federal All officers elected by the people. entity which would violate this charter (2) Chief of Police(3) Chief of Fire Department. Chief of Police shall be deemed valid within the City A majority affirmative vote is of Youngstown. necessary for passage. (4) Commissioner of Water. Members of Board of Health. E. Any person, corporation, or (6) Deleted other entity that violates any provision This Amendment will combine the City of (7) Commissioner of Engineering. of this Law set forth in Sections 122-1, Youngstown Community Development (8) Commissioner of Public Buildings. (9) Director of Law and Assistants. 122-2 and 122-3, shall be guilty of a Agency and Economic Development first degree misdemeanor and subject office under one Department which will (10) Director of Finance. to the penalties set forth in Ohio Revised Code Sections 2929.24 and be called the Department of Community (11) Clerk of Council. Planning and Economic Development. (12) One Secretary for Head of a 2929.28. A separate offense shall Department. arise for each day or portion thereof in Shall Section 20, Administrative (13) Unskilled Labor. which a violation occurs and for each **Departments** of the Charter of the City (14) Architects, Civil Engineers and of said sections found to be violated. of Youngstown be amended to read: other professionals not in the regular Enforcement of this Charter section employment of the City may be engaged may be initiated by the Director of (1) The Department of Law for special work requiring experience and Law, Chief of Police, or Mayor. The (2) The Department of Finance (3) The Department of Public Works knowledge by the officers and boards in City of Youngstown may also enforce charge of the several departments, provided that the approval of the Mayor this Law through an action in equity. (4) The Department of Water and In such an action, the City of Youngstown shall be entitled to other Public Utilities and of Council must first be secured in all (5) The Department of Police cases (Deleted) recover damages and all costs of (6) The Department of Fire (15) Director of Community litigation, including, without limitation, (7) The Department of Community Planning and Economic Development experts' and attorneys' fees. Planning and Economic Development B. The classified service shall comprise all positions not specifically included in F. Any City resident shall have the the Charter in the unclassified service. Shall Section 21, Administrative authority to enforce this Law through C. All employees, elected officials and all appointees to commissions or boards **Departments** of the Charter of the City an action in equity. In such an action, the resident shall be entitled to of Youngstown be amended to read: shall be residents and domiciled in the recover damages and all costs of City of Youngstown.
D. All appointees to boards and Section 21, The Mayor shall be ex-officio litigation, including, without limitation, Director of the Department of Public experts' and attorneys' fees. commissions authorized by the Charter Works, and the Department of Water and shall serve no more than two (2) complete consecutive terms of office. They will be eligible for appointment after person who brings an action to secure other Public Utilities. The Mayor shall appoint a Director of Finance, Law or protect the rights of natural communities or ecosystems within the City of Youngstown shall bring Director, Chief of the Fire Department, an intervening term.

E. Any applicant who is a resident of the Chief of the Police Department, the that action in the name of the natural Commissioner of Water, Commissioner community or ecosystems in a court of Engineering and Commissioner of City of Youngstown, may file of competent jurisdiction. Damages documentation, and upon the filing of such proof consistent with rules issued by the Civil Service Commission, shall Public Buildings, and Director of shall be measured by the cost of Community Planning and Economic restoring the natural community or Development, each of whom shall ecosystem to its pre-damaged state, serve until removed by the Mayor and receive additional credit of fifteen percent and shall be paid to the City of until a successor is appointed and (15%) of the person's total grade given in Youngstown or other applicable governmental entity, to be used exclusively for the full and complete qualified. The Director or Chief of each civil service entry-level examination, in Department shall have the supervision and control of the Department, the which the applicant receives a passing grade. The Civil Service Commission restoration of the natural community disposition and performance of its shall issue rules necessary to implement or ecosystem. business, and the custody and preservation of the books, records this provision. Section 122-4. The provisions of this papers and property of the Department. Section are severable. If any court decides that any sub-section, clause, sentence, part or provision of this section is illegal, invalid, or Shall Section 31, Department of Community Planning and Economic Development be added to the Charter of the City of Youngstown to read as YES unconstitutional, such decision shall NO not affect, impair, or invalidate any of the remaining sub-sections, clauses, follows: ISSUE 6 sentences, parts or provisions of this **Department of Community Planning** Charter section. All inconsistent provisions of prior laws ordinances PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN and Economic Development adopted at any time by the City of Youngstown are hereby held in abeyance but shall take immediate A majority affirmative vote is Section 31. The Director of necessary for passage. **Community Planning and Economic** Development shall be the Head of the effect in the event this Bill of Rights **Department of Community Planning** and its protective prohibitions are This Amendment will change the status and Economic Development. The overturned. Director of Community Planning and of the position of Code Enforcement and Economic Development shall plan, Blight Remediation Superintendent from classified to unclassified civil service. organize and administer programs that encourage community and YES economic development in the City of Shall Section 52, Civil Service of the Charter of the City of Youngstown be Youngstown. amended to read: Shall Section 52, Civil Service of the Charter of the City of Youngstown be amended to read: Civil Service A. all of the provisions of the Revised Code of the State of Ohio relating to Municipal Civil Service are hereby adopted and made a part of this Charter, excepting that all positions in the public Page 3 of 4

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**Mahoning County** General Election November 4, 2014 this Charter shall take effect from the less. Section 52 time of its approval by the electors of the City. For the purpose of establishing Departments, Divisions, and offices, and distributing the Shall Section 5, Council; Section 83, All of the provisions of the Revised Code Division of City into Wards; and Section 119, General Provisions, of the of the State of Ohio relating to Municipal Civil Service are hereby adopted and made a part of this Charter, excepting Charter of the City of Youngstown be functions thereof, and for all other purposes, it shall take effect on the first day of January, 1924. amended to read: that all positions in the public service of the City of Youngstown shall be classified Section 5. The legislative power of the City, except as reserved to the people by this Charter, by means of A. The unclassified service shall include: (1) All officers elected by the people. the initiative and referendum, shall be vested in a council, elected by wards, one from each ward, and for a maximum of two (2) complete consecutive terms of four (4) years each. A Councilperson will be eligible for election of the conjugatement. (2) Chief of Police YES (3) Chief of Fire Department. (4) Commissioner of Water. (5) Members of Board of Health. NO (6) Members of Park and Recreation Commission. for election after an intervening term. (7) Commissioner of Engineering A Councilperson shall be an elector of (8) Commissioner of Public Buildings. ward from which (9) Director of Law and Assistants. Councilperson is elected and of not (10) Director of Finance. less than twenty-one years of age. (11) Clerk of Council. (12) One Secretary for Head of a Section 83. The City Council of Youngstown shall, not later than 120 days after certification of the results of the decennial U.S. Census, Department. (13) Unskilled Labor. (14) Architects, Civil Engineers and other professionals not in the regular redistrict the City into wards based on employment of the City may be engaged the City's population using official for special work requiring experience and U.S. Census statistics. The wards so knowledge by the officers and boards in formed shall be as nearly equal in population and as fair and equitable charge of the several departments, provided that the approval of the Mayor as possible, composed of contiguous and of Council must first be secured in all and compact territory, and bounded cases, except in the case of the by natural boundaries or street lines. employees of the Park and Recreation Upon annexation of new territory to Commission, in which instance the the City, Council shall apportion the same to an existing ward or wards. approval of the Mayor and Council shall not be required. (15) RĖSERVED The Council shall reapportion the wards of the City according to the (16) Code Enforcement and Blight Remediation Superintendent. following table: B. The classified service shall comprise all positions not specifically included in Population: Number of Wards: the Charter in the unclassified service. 79,999 or Less C. All employees, elected officials and all 80,000 or Greater appointees to commissions or boards Should City Council fail to redistrict within 120 days of certification of the results of any decennial U.S. Census, the Mayor shall, within 90 days thereafter, submit to Council a plan for redistricting the City into wards using the above table. The plan with a state of the council and the council an shall be residents and domiciled in the City of Youngstown. D. All appointees to boards and commissions authorized by the Charter shall serve no more than two (2) complete consecutive terms of office. submitted to Council by the Mayor shall become effective immediately and shall be irrevocable until after the next election of council representatives They will be eligible for appointment after an intervening term. E. Any applicant who is a resident of the City of Youngstown, may file documentation, and upon the filing of such proof consistent with rules issued representatives. by the Civil Service Commission, shall receive additional credit of fifteen percent This charter amendment shall take effect immediately following the certification of election results (15%) of the person's total grade given in civil service entry-level examination, in which the applicant receives a passing affirming passage. grade. The Civil Service Commission City Council has 30 days following the certification of the 2014 election results affirming passage of this shall issue rules necessary to implement this provision Page 4 of 4 **Mahoning County, Ohio** ordinance in which to submit a plan redistricting the city into wards using the above table. Should City Council YES fail to redistrict within 30 days of certification of the 2014 election results, then the Mayor shall, within 14 NO

David Betras

Members of the Board of Elections

This Amendment will reduce the number Section 119. When Charter takes of wards in the City of Youngstown from effect. For the purpose of nominating seven (7) wards to five (5) wards when and electing officers, exercising the the population of the city is 79,999 or powers of the City as provided herein,

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days thereafter, submit to Council a

plan for redistricting the City into wards using the above table. The plan submitted to Council by the Mayor

shall become effective immediately

and shall be irrevocable until after the

council

election

ISSUE 7
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS
(By Petition)
CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN

A majority affirmative vote is

necessary for passage.