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The Fight for Democratic Causes Never Stops

First, let me thank each one of you who attended this year's Virtual Brunch! The event was a great opportunity for us to hear from our local and statewide Democratic candidates, as well our elected officials. I was very honored to be able to introduce each of our speakers.

For those who attended the Brunch and heard from our speakers, or for those who pay close attention to the news, you can see the attacks on the democratic (small d) way of life. In much of this nation, protecting life itself, is literally under attack. There are a hundred theories on how we ended up here and it will likely take researchers and historians a long time to unpack the 2020's.

From all of this, from the constant barrage of bad news, the upside-down hypocrisy and the feeling of "how is this even be happening", we have to take one message, WE CAN'T QUIT.

Now is the time to double down and get involved. Don't just attend meetings, bring someone with you. Write or call the elected officials who don't represent your values. Vote, and register people who need to be registered. Follow up with them to be sure they voted. Every action counts, every new thing we do to help protect and further our values is important. There is no wasted effort. Keep fighting the good fight.

Chris Ericksen, President EDC

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**Email us for any
questions, requests or for
information on the Club**



**JOIN THE EUCLID DEMS FOR A
CANDIDATE'S FORUM**

**WE WILL BE FEATURING OUR
SCHOOL BOARD AND WARD 2
COUNCIL CANDIDATES**

FORUM BEGINS AT 7, ON SEPT. 9

TO REGISTER,

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WE WILL SEND YOU THE LOGIN INFORMATION



* In the announcement for the Forum, a candidate for the 4-year school board seat was incorrectly listed as “Andrea” Lipman. Ms. Lipman’s name is Alexandra. Apologies to you, Alexandra and best of luck in your race.

CEE, Pres. EDC

Originally, this month's club meeting was to be the first of our new hybrid meetings, with people present at the library and at home on Zoom. **In light of the state's recent Covid numbers, and after careful consideration we have decided to continue to meet strictly on Zoom.** We will be conducting our endorsement vote in the September meeting; the officers of the Club are working to ensure a secret ballot vote can be held via Zoom.

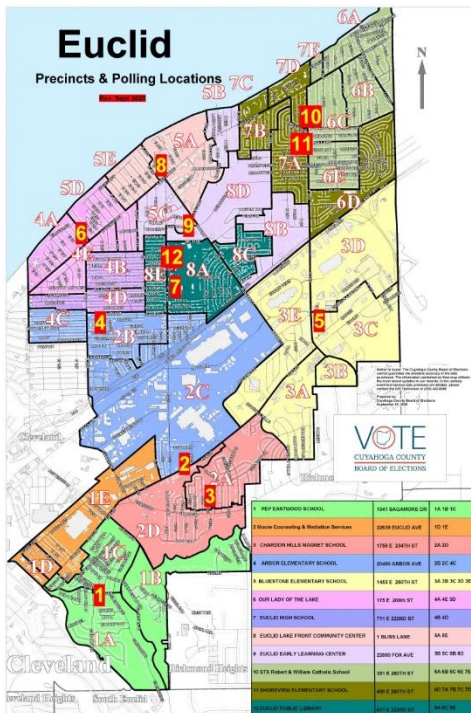
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Euclid and the 2020 Census

Euclid City Council President Charlene Mancuso



As we move into Fall it is time to review the impact of the completed 2020 census numbers for the City of Euclid. The census numbers dictate how our ward boundaries are set. The 2010 census for Euclid was 48,920.



The 2020 census for Euclid, released August 12, 2021 is 49,692, a 772 person increase in our population. Euclid is the 23rd largest city in the state covering 10.63 square miles, and the 861st largest city in the U.S. Our largest age group identified is the population between 18-64 at 61.12%.

As a city we must evaluate and perhaps revise our ward boundaries based on the 2020 census numbers by October 11, 2021. Previously we have worked with the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University and the TRIAD Research group to determine, based on current census numbers, the need to redraw our ward boundaries going forward. Both entities have extensive experience in both redistricting and reapportionment at state and local levels.

This group will calculate the 2020 census populations as it is apportioned to each of the eight wards.

Representatives from the City’s administration and from City Council will participate in an initial working meeting with CSU and the TRIAD Research Group to see potential drawing, moving and redrawing of wards boundaries based on the resulting changes in population data using redistricting software.

Drafts of the new ward plan will be presented and reviewed by City Council. Modifications will be made until the revised ward boundary plan is acceptable to City Council. Once the city Council and administration have approved any changes, a informational presentation to the public will be done. The public presentation will include both the process used and the outcomes determined by the 2020 census data.

While this endeavor is not flashy, it is very important to our city going forward. If you have the opportunity, please try to attend scheduled public meetings so you can further understand how and why we may need to revise ward boundaries based on the 2020 census.

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NOTE: To open the referenced pages in the following articles, place the mouse over the text, right click and select the option to **OPEN HYPERLINK**

Cuyahoga County Progressive Caucus

Steve Holecko, Political Director



Below are some events and causes CCPC will be focusing on as we head into the fall.

[CCPC September Membership Meeting](#) Monday, September 20 from 6:30 to 8 pm. Agenda items include updates of the following topics 1) Great Lakes Brewery effort to unionize workers 2) Citizens for a Safer Cleveland Ballot Initiative and 3) Effort to stop the emerging Anti - Protest and Anti - Voting Rights bills in the General Assembly. **[Click here to register for the event](#)** After registering you'll receive an email with the Zoom link

Fight Ohio's Anti - Protest Bills

[Click here to read the sordid details and view the Toolkit to see what you can do to help stop the atrocities.](#)



[Fundamentals of Legislative Visits & Making the Arc](#) Wednesday, September 8 @ 7 pm (digital)

[Fundamentals of Legislative Visits & Making the Arc \(repeat\)](#) Wednesday, September 15 @ 7 pm (digital)

[Statehouse Stomp Day of Action in Columbus](#) Wednesday, September 22 from 9 am to 4 pm in Columbus. Click the link for event locations.

Help Fight HB 294, Ohio's Anti - Voter Rights Bill

[Ohio House Democrats walk out of Committee during hearing on GOP voter bill](#)

[HB 294 is a Trojan Horse for Voters - Click here to email your State Representative](#)

[Click here to call your State Representative](#)

Help Fight HB 322 and 326, Ohio's Attempt to Ban the Teaching of Critical Race Theory

[Ohio Republicans introduce bill to ban teaching critical race theory](#) describes the atrocity

[Tell Legislators: Our Students Deserve an Honest Education](#) describes what you can do to prevent this fascist attempt to censor the truth

And don't forget our Brothers and Sisters fighting to unionize at the Great Lakes Brewery.

Support Workers Unionizing at the Great Lakes Brewing Company

[Great Lakes Brewing Company Workers Take Steps to Unionize With United Steelworkers](#)

[Please click here to sign the petition to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters at the Great Lakes Brewing Company](#) as they attempt to unionize for better wages, benefits and working conditions.

Every Thursday, CCPC sends out a newsletter called CCPC News and Events, which is the most comprehensive listing of progressive events and causes in the area! [Please click here if you'd like to start receiving CCPC News and Events](#)

Ohio and the Texas Abortion Ban

Rep. Kent Smith (D- OH 8)



On Friday, September 3, I released a statement after a controversial [Texas law banning abortions after six weeks went into effect](#) on September 1st following a lack of judicial intervention from the Supreme Court. This is the first time a six-week abortion ban has been allowed to go into effect - EVER.

“Overnight, the U.S. Supreme Court denied an emergency request from Texas abortion providers to block the implementation of Texas Senate Bill 8. That Texas legislation went into effect on Wednesday, September 1, and it allows private individuals to sue anyone who provides or assists with prohibited abortions after six weeks of fetal development. It leaves no exceptions for pregnancies resulting from incest or rape. Up until the Court’s inaction yesterday morning, it has been routinely ruled this type of state law unconstitutional.

For example, in 1992, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that states could restrict abortion rights as long as they do not provide an ‘undue burden’ to women seeking an abortion. In that decision, the court defined an undue burden as a ‘substantial obstacle in the path of a woman’s fundamental right to choose’. Texas Senate Bill 8 is crafted to create a multitude of undue burdens.

By refusing to stop the anti-abortion measure, the US Supreme Court now poses a real and present danger to reproductive freedom and women’s ability to make their own healthcare decisions.

I believe that abortion services should be safe and legal in Ohio. Abortion bans do not end abortions, they only make them far more dangerous for the women seeking them.

However, not all of my General Assembly colleagues agree with my position, and they continue to seek ways to restrict this Constitutional freedom. My fear is that the Supreme Court's inaction to protect a woman's right to make her own health care choices will give a road map to the extreme members of the Ohio General Assembly to further restrict access to abortions and other medical care that Ohio women want and need. I support a woman's right to make her own medical judgements, and those decisions should not be hindered by Columbus politicians. I believe that Roe v Wade should remain the law of the land," said Rep. Smith.



For your further consideration, these are the anti-abortion bills that have been introduced in the current General Assembly term. I am sure they won't be the last.

1. HB 378: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-378>
2. SB 157: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-157>
3. SB 201: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-201>

In 2019, Gov. Mike DeWine signed the "heartbeat bill" into law. Like the Texas law, this bill would have banned abortions after a fetal heartbeat is detected, which is typically around 6 weeks. A federal judge blocked this law before it went into effect.



Cuyahoga County Democratic Party

Helen Sheehan, Interim Executive Director

A big congratulations to Cuyahoga Councilwoman, Cuyahoga County Democratic Party Chairwoman, and now the Ohio's 11th Congressional District Democratic Nominee Shontel Brown on her decisive victory August 3, 2021! The Democratic Party is ready to work hard to ensure Ms. Brown's victory this November to continue the legacy of past 11th Congressional iconic leaders like Congressman Louis Stokes, Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones, and Congresswoman Marcia Fudge.



Congratulations and thank you to all who ran – democracy is a verb so it's important that we have as many people participating as possible. And, as good democrats, we fight hard and then come together for the betterment of our party. Together we will succeed!

Reflections on the Pandemic

Judge Emanuella Groves, 8th District Court of Appeals



This past year has been like none other. Living through a pandemic is full of experiences and emotions. One could not see with the naked eye the cause for the panic and despair. But as countless people fell ill and unfortunately lost their lives to this invisible, but deadly cause, defenses to combat it and its affects were undertaken rather swiftly. Soon, people were confined in their homes, except for those who had to risk their lives due to their occupation. And sadly, many people lost their lives. However, through it all, resilience, hope, sympathy, empathy, fortitude prevailed. Adjustments were made towards balancing the risks of exposure to the virus and resuming activities, routines, and practices.

While the pandemic was taking a hold in Ohio, I was totally unaware of its seriousness because I was consumed with the March 17, 2020 democratic primary for judge of the Ohio Eighth District Court of Appeals. As I was preparing for the primary election, the campaign came to a screeching halt less than twelve hours



before the election. The election was postponed. Uncertainty of when the election would take place was coupled with how one campaigns when personal contact with voters cannot be had. The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections made an amazing pivot and implemented vote by mail. The April 28 in person voting had all safety protocols in place. My talented campaign managers, Euclid's Brenda Hall, Jerry Primm, and Betty Pinkney, took to the internet, mail, cable and radio to connect with voters. Through their efforts, the campaign continued and fortunately, I won. The pandemic only paused the election, and the integrity of the election process was preserved.

I not only felt the impact of the pandemic on our election process, but also on the institution of marriage. Six weeks into the shutdown, I received a request to perform a marriage. That's one of the duties of a municipal judge. A skeleton crew was operating in the court, but visitors were not allowed in the justice center. Willing to perform the wedding, the question of how, had to be answered. Upon review of the law, there was no stated requirement that the marriage official, bride and groom be in the same place. Certainly, we had to see each. So, I had the honor of being the first judge in the county to perform a virtual wedding. As they say, "Love never fails."

A look at the criminal justice system reveals all the many efforts taken to minimize the exposure of the deadly virus to defendants and staff. To start, nonviolent suspects were not arrested, but instead were given summons to appear in court virtually. As the county jail was experiencing a rise in prisoners being infected with the virus, judges began to make decisions who should be released from jail early, without imposing a risk of harm to the community. Defendants were permitted to appear in court remotely. Probationers were permitted to report by phone. Many arrested defendants were released from jail, while awaiting disposition of their cases, with pretrial conditions. In some instances, defendants were released with a GPS ankle monitor. Pretrial notices were texted to remind defendants of their virtual hearing dates. Within a short period of time, criminal reform efforts that had been under consideration were jump started.

As we have begun to more fully manage and navigate our way through the pandemic, a significant question should be answered. That question is, "Do we go back to the way we did things before?" This is a

good question for changes made in response to the pandemic in both our professional and personal lives. For me, I became more serious with my diet. Since, I was cooking more, I ate healthier foods. Being couped up in the house, I cleared up some clutter. Although, I still have clutter to work through. I did more personal reading and formed a book club. Fourthly, I began to walk more frequently. Finally, I kept in touch with family more through countless zoom parties. I am grateful for the positive changes.

What about you? What change(s) did you make during the pandemic that you plan to maintain?

**Welcome
back.
Help us get
the word
out, share this newsletter
with your friends.**



Remember, we are only meeting on Zoom this month, hopefully we can try the new hybrid meetings in the future.

Euclid Democratic Club Meeting Agenda
Thursday, September 16, 2021- 7PM, via Zoom

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Certification of a Quorum
4. Review of November races: candidates/ representatives present will address the Club
5. Explanation of Zoom Polling, confirmation of eligible voters
6. Voting (anonymous Zoom polling feature to be used), review of endorsement results
7. Certification of Minutes from the August Special Meeting
8. Treasurer's Report
9. Correspondence Secretary Report
10. President's Report
11. 1st Vice President's Report
12. Committee Reports- review of annual brunch
13. Old Business
14. New Business
15. Open Forum
16. Announcements
17. Adjournment

Next meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m., October 21, 2021, on Zoom

Note about the Meeting Minutes, June was the Club's last regular meeting, meetings held in July and August were "Special Meetings". The August meeting minutes are being provided here. June and July's minutes were reviewed during the special meetings and copies were provided via email with the financial report prior to those meetings being held.



EUCLID DEMOCRATIC CLUB Meeting Minutes
Date: Thursday, August 19, 2021 – Special Meeting
Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

Phil DiBianca, David Bielek Jr., Schuyler Cook, Chris Ericksen, Maria Ericksen, Jake Ericksen, Jeannine Johnson-Hogan, Kandace Jones, Joy Kennedy, Betsey Kamm, Charlene Mancuso, Lynn Radcliffe, Janenell Smith, Kent Smith, Donna Sudar, Larry Williams

Guest:

I. Call to Order: 7:00pm by President Chris Ericksen, Special Meeting call by President to cover Brunch details and other announcements.

II. Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

III. Certification of a Quorum: Satisfied

IV. Approval of Minutes: Kandace Jones Motion to accept the July 2021 Special meeting minutes by Charlene Mancuso, seconded by Larry Williams. Motion passed. July 2021minutes – approved.

V. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer sent out PDF of the treasurer report to club members in good standing. He reviewed the club and PAC account activities. If you have not received a membership packet, please let Schuyler know. Chris asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer report, Motion by Lynn Radcliffe, seconded by Phil DiBianca, Motion approved.

VI. Correspondence – Betsey – None

VII. Presidents Report – Chris Ericksen - Summer break almost over, ready to get back into the swing of things in September. We will start meeting at the library & zoom for September. This is what is planned but the Delta Variance of COVID could change the plan. The Newsletter will start back in September. Brunch will be August 29th at

12:30pm via Zoom. Chris reminded everyone the address to send their donations to. In our September meeting we will have a School Board Forum.

VIII. Committee:

IX. Guest Speakers: none

X. Old business – None

XI. New business – Kandace Jones introduced the group to an opening welcome page to use for the brunch as people sign on to zoom session.

XII. Open Forum –

a. Council President Charlene Mancuso – City Council is meeting in Council Chambers; all must wear a mask. There is a trial of both and body cameras and dash cameras for Police Department. At the September Council Meeting they will probably decide which vendor they will choose. Fire Dept received \$150K grant for attachment to take fumes out of fire stations. Looking into the feasibility of building a Safety Center. Looking to see if the city will build a jail. Charlene shared information about the new sidewalk replacement program.

b. State Representative Kent Smith – Kent reviewed brunch updates regarding guest speakers. Nan Whaley secured, Chelsea Clark – running for Ohio Sec. of State, Liz Walters – Ohio Dem. Party Chair, Shontel Brown – County Dem Chair & Dem Nominee for 11th Congressional District, Justice Melody Stewart, Tim Ryan – Candidate for Senate has agreed to join. Local Democratic candidates will be invited to speak also. Kent is finishing up his town hall meetings. Friday will be the last in Richmond Hts. Kent will still work on trying to get a response regarding Sherrod Brown.

i. Redistricting – 9 public meetings – Monday at Cleveland State. Ohio population 11.8 million. More to come on redistricting.

c. Donna Sudar – thanked for encouragement of school board candidates. 5 candidates for 4yr term, 2 candidates for 2yr term, 1 write in candidate. Thanks for hosting a School Board candidate forum.

d. Kandace Jones – reminder about the Labor Day Parade. Kandace also shared about Walking with a Purpose. According to EDC bylaws September will be our vote to endorse candidates. Chris mentioned he will get back to members on how we will handle candidate forum and endorsements.

e. Lynne Radcliffe – shared Labor to Election Day Rally – back to school event. Saturday August 21st . Lynne’s Grandson – back to school fundraiser Sunday August 22nd

XIII. Announcements –

Raffle: N/A

XIV. Adjournment: EDC meeting adjourned at: 8:12pm,

Next meeting: Regular scheduled meeting Thursday September 16, 2021 –using Zoom.

Rec. Sec. Kandace Jones



*Thanks for reading and thank you to
all of our contributors!
See you on Zoom and in October's
edition.*

-Euclid Democratic Club

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