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Welcome to February, Dems! Hang in There.

I hope everyone is staying warm and keeping positive through this, the longest part of the winter here in Euclid. Keep the faith, it won't be long and the hyacinths will be poking through the ground. Ground we haven't seen since before Martin Luther King Day, back in January.

While on the subject of January and Dr. King, I want to extend a huge thank you to our guest speaker at last month's meeting. Alfred Leak Jr. joined us with a moving (moving may not do it justice) tribute Dr. King. It was like being transported through time. King's words, as delivered by Mr. Leak, ring as true today as they did so many years ago. The message of hope, as seen through a realist's lens, and the call to do better has been ringing in my ears for the last month.

In this month's edition of *The Euclid Democrat*, we have in depth perspective and information on last month's Cuyahoga County Democratic Party Executive Committee Endorsement Meeting and a list of all endorsed candidates. There will be additional endorsements coming for those races where the map is not finalized.

The warmer weather will be here soon and with it will be elections. Please be ready to "spring" into action for all of the endorsed Democrats.

Chris Ericksen, President EDC

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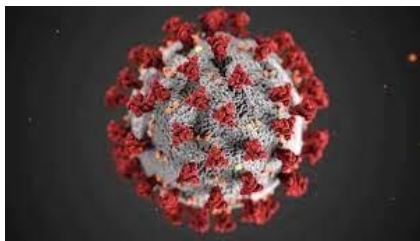
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Cuyahoga County Democratic Party Executive Committee Meeting Wrap Up

Emily Holody, First Vice President EDC

The Cuyahoga County Democratic Party Executive Committee met on Wednesday January 26th, 2022, at 6:00 pm via zoom. I am a newly appointed member of this committee and was excited to attend my first meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review and endorse judicial candidates, Cuyahoga County council candidates, and a candidate for Cuyahoga County Executive, as Armond Budish has chosen not to run for reelection. These endorsements will be used in the May 2022 primary election.



The meeting started a few minutes late as all 671 executive committee members were invited to join the meeting via zoom. This meeting was originally scheduled to be in person, but with the surge of Omicron it was decided that a zoom meeting would be best. County volunteers worked hard to verify all attendees and the zoom room admitting process went smoothly but did take extra time due to the sheer volume of attendees. At times there were as many as 575 people that had called in some callers having multiple individuals on their call.

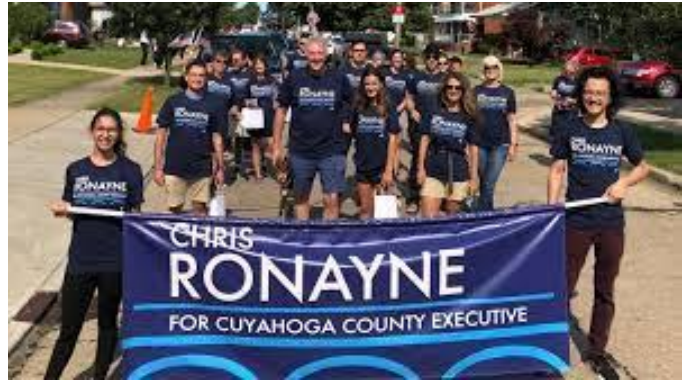
County Chair Shontel Brown led the meeting and worked hard to keep the group on topic, organized, and moving through the information and votes as best she could under the circumstances. Brown thanked members for their patience multiple times and politely reminded everyone to remain on mute, the joys of zoom meetings could certainly be felt during these times.

Brown took a few moments during the meeting to announce she would not run for another term as chair of the county party, Vice-chairman Kevin Kelley, resigned days later, and interim Executive Director Helen Sheehan, announced she would also be leaving her role in February. This leaves several key county positions open and could allow for some exciting changes in the future.



During the nearly five hour meeting the executive committee endorsed all unopposed candidates and had three situations where the committee voted, resulting in only two endorsed candidates because in one vote the candidates were unable to reach the necessary 60% of the vote which officially endorses the candidate.

The meeting ended with the County Executive vote, and the only candidate in attendance was Chris Ronayne, who easily won over 92% of the votes and was endorsed.



All said and done the committee and volunteers worked hard to have a safe organized meeting under the current circumstances. I am hopeful that the next time we meet it can be done in person however I am confident that no matter how we decide to come together all involved will work hard and remain patient during the ever-changing course of this pandemic.

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Cuyahoga County Progressive Caucus

Steve Holecko, Political Director



CCPC February Membership Meeting

[CCPC February Meeting: Gubernatorial Candidate Forum with John Cranley](#) Wednesday, February 16 from 6:30 to 8 pm. Our February meeting will feature dialogue with gubernatorial candidate and former Cincinnati mayor John Cranley. **[Please click here to register for the event.](#)** After registering you'll receive an

email with the Zoom link and information on how you can submit a question. To find out more about the Cranley campaign please go to johncranley.com



Note: CCPC is in contact with the Nan Whaley campaign about doing a similar candidate forum with her sometime in March. Look for that event in the March newsletter.

And In Case You Missed It

[Video of CCPC January Membership Meeting with Morgan Harper](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OK8Hg0U7eEk&authuser=0>

Some other Interesting Upcoming Progressive Events

[Not " A Nation of Immigrants ": Settler Colonialism, White Supremacy, and a History of Erasure and](#)

[Inclusion](#) Friday, February 11 @ 7:30 pm. Join acclaimed historian and author, Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz for a virtual discussion of her 2021 book, Not “A Nation of Immigrants' ': Settler Colonialism, White Supremacy, and a History of Erasure and Exclusion. Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz will be joined in conversation with Detroit based activist and writer Frank Joyce. Q and A with the audience will follow. **[Please click here to register.](#)** After registering you'll receive an email with the Zoom link. Hosted by **[Cleveland Nonviolence Network](#)** and **[American Indian Movement of Ohio](#)**

[Coronavirus and Universal Health Care: Medical and Public Health Policy Implications](#) Saturday,

February 26 @ 10 am Presenter: Dr. Johnathon Ross, current President of the Toledo Lucas County Health District and past president of Physicians for a National Health Program. Dr. Ross will give us an update of

where we are in this pandemic and what we might expect as well as how our healthcare system needs to change in order to better handle a public health crisis. **[Please click here to register](#)** After registering you'll receive an email with the Zoom link. Hosted by **[Single Payer Action Network \(SPAN\) Ohio](#)**



[CCPC March Meeting: Gubernatorial Candidate Forum with Nan Whaley](#). Thursday, March 3 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Our March meeting will feature dialogue with gubernatorial candidate and former Dayton mayor Nan Whaley. [Please click here to register for the event](#). After registering you'll receive an email with the Zoom link and information on how you can submit a question, To find out more about the campaign please go to nanwhaley.com

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Please see the link for an interesting article about the status of Republicans in the race for the soon to be open senate seat in Ohio. The article is from Politico and was first shared on the EDC Facebook page.

<https://www.politico.com/news/2022/02/07/jd-vance-warning-ohio-senate-race-00006310>

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Euclid Teachers in the Community

Carrie Walsh-Hilf, EDC Member

Euclid Teacher's Association

After 17 hours of negotiations on January 26 and into the morning on January 27, the ETA and the Board of Education reached a tentative agreement. The ETA members ratified the agreement on February 1. The School Board approved the agreement on February 9. The 424 Members of the Euclid Teacher's Association are so appreciative of the support from our community especially the Euclid Democratic Club.

UpStage Players Builders Club

The Builders Club presented a Zoom Talent Show for The Winfield Inn on February 12. Builders Club



President, Arianna Somich wrote the script based loosely on *The Lion King*. She creatively integrated the talent acts of students of different ages. They also delivered Valentines to the residents. UpStage Players has the only Theater led club in the nation and is happy to use its special theatrical skills to serve. Builders Club is a Service Organization sponsored by the Downtown Kiwanis. They plan service projects to give back to the community. They are always looking for new members to join their group. If

you know a Middle Schooler who is interested in joining this group that is eager to serve their community, contact moderator, Carrie Walsh-Hilf, walsh-hilf@sbcglobal.net.

Cuyahoga County Democratic Party

Congresswoman Shontel Brown, Chairwoman



Over the past four years, under my leadership, the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party has engaged voters around the county, even during a pandemic, through Zoom meeting, robocalls, direct outreach and communication and held virtual fundraisers to help support the party. During these past four years we have achieved a significant degree of both financial security and national exposure.

As a Party, we have much to be proud of. This past November, we elected 82% of our endorsed democrats. We facilitated mailing more than 330,000 pieces of literature to targeted democrats or left-leaning voters to push for wins by our endorsed candidates.

We expanded our national outreach and visibility with visits from Vice President Kamala Harris and Representative James Clyburn. I am committed to making sure that Ohio remains a purple state in the eyes of the national democratic leadership because I continue to believe that with strong focus, a solid plan, and the resources to ensure our plan can become a reality, we can continue turning out democratic votes in Cuyahoga County and turn our state Blue.



We know that we have our work cut out for us. For perspective, in 2008, there were 1,111,286 registered voters in Cuyahoga County. Today, there are 877,081, a drop of 21%. This means that we have to turn out higher percentages to reach the same number of actual voters. I am happy to report that the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party is doing its part to turn out our people. In 2016, there were 398,276 democratic votes for president. In 2020, that number rose to 416,176, an increase of nearly 18,000 votes. And, we are adding



registered democrats – from 2020 to today, we increased from 187,000 registered Dems to now over 222,000. Meanwhile, during my tenure as chair, the Republicans have gone from 16.65% of the overall registered voters to now just 7.5% - a drop of more than half of their members in less than 5 years.

I have been blessed to now be your 11th District Congressional representative - something I work hard at every day to deliver for our community. Because of that role, and because I believe we have the party in excellent shape to continue moving forward, I am announcing that I will not seek another term as Chair of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party. Thank you to our Vice Chairs, Rudy Stralka, Kim Thomas, Cindy Marx and Troy Greenfield for their support and especially Deputy Treasurer, Vicky Warden and Executive Director Helen Sheehan for moving the Party forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Thank you for your commitment to our party and our values. We may not all agree on every issue or decision, we know that we are stronger together and we are on the right side of the issues.



Endorsed Candidates, Cuyahoga County Democratic Party

Court of Appeals-Eighth District-FTC 1/1/2023 Mary Eileen Kilbane*

Court of Appeals-Eighth District-FTC 1/2/2023 Lisa Forbes*

Court of Appeals-Eighth District-FTC 1/3/2023 Kathleen Ann Keough*

Court of Appeals-Eighth District-FTC 2/9/2023 Eileen A. Gallagher*

Court of Appeals-Eighth District- Unexpired Term Ending 2/9/2027 Michael John Ryan

Court of Common Pleas-General Division FTC-1/1/2023 Kelly Ann Gallagher*

Court of Common Pleas-General Division FTC-1/2/2023 Steve Gall*

Court of Common Pleas-General Division FTC-1/3/2023 Richard A. Bell*

Court of Common Pleas-General Division FTC 1/4/2023 Peter J. Corrigan*

Court of Common Pleas-General Division FTC 1/5/2023 Sherrie Miday*

Court of Common Pleas-General Division FTC 1/6/2023 David T. Matia*

Court of Common Pleas-General Division FTC 1/7/2023 Jeffrey P. Saffold

Court of Common Pleas-General Division FTC 1/8/2023 Maureen Clancy*

Court of Common Pleas-General Division FTC 1/9/2023 John J. Russo*

Court of Common Pleas-General Division FTC 1/10/2023 Hollie Lauren Gallagher*

Court of Common Pleas-General Division FTC 1/11/2023 Michael P. Shaughnessy*

Court of Common Pleas-General Division FTC 1/14/2023 Deborah M. Turner

Court of Common Pleas-General Division Unexpired Term Ending 12/31/24 Kevin J. Kelley

Court of Common Pleas-General Division Unexpired Term Ending 1/3/27 Jennifer O'Donnell

Court of Common Pleas-Domestic Relations Division FTC 1/13/2023 Francine Goldberg*

Court of Common Pleas-Domestic Relations Division FTC 1/18/2023 Diane M. Palos*

Court of Common Pleas-Domestic Relations Division FTC 1/19/2023 Tonya R. Jones*

Court of Common Pleas-Juvenile Division FTC 1/2/2023 Kristin W. Sweeney*

Court of Common Pleas-Juvenile Division FTC 1/3/2023 Nicholas J. Celebrezze

County Council District 1 Patrick Kelly

County Council District 3 Martin J. Sweeney*

County Council District 7 Yvonne M. Conwell*

County Council District 9 Meredith M. Turner*

County Council District 11 Sunny M. Simon*

County Executive Chris Ronayne

FTC-Full Term Commencing

** Indicates Incumbent*



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Euclid Democratic Club
ZOOM Agenda
Thursday, February 17, 2022

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Certification of a Quorum
4. Speakers, guests, and candidates, as available
5. Certification of Minutes from the January Meeting
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Correspondence Secretary Report
8. Committee Reports- Audit Committee final report on the 2021 Fiscal Year
9. Endorsement Vote- candidates in races where no decision was made by the CCDP Executive Committee can seek the endorsement of the Club
10. President's Report
11. 1st Vice President's Report
12. Old Business
13. New Business-
14. Open Forum
15. Announcements
16. Adjournment

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday March 17th, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom



EUCLID DEMOCRATIC CLUB Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, December 16, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

David Bielek Jr., Cindy Brocone, Daniel Burns, Lana Caviness, Stephana Caviness, Schuyler Cook, Phil DiBanca, Chris Ericksen, Jake Ericksen, Maria Ericksen, Carrie Walsh-Hilf, Jeannine JohnsonHogan, Kandace Jones, Joy Kennedy, Laura Lewis Charlene Mancuso, Lynn Radcliffe, Retanio Rucker, Janenell Smith, Kent Smith, Larry Williams
Guest: Jeff Crossman, Michael Ettore, Lisa Forbes, Hollie Gallagher, Morgan Harper, Kevin Kelley, Sherrie Middy

I. Call to Order: 7:02pm by President Chris Ericksen

II. Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

III. President Chris – we will suspend our normal club business for this evening and we will use this meeting for our virtual holiday festivities.

IV. Certification of a Quorum: Satisfied

V. Guest Speaker –

a. Michael Ettore – Candidate for State Rep in District 19

b. Morgan Harper – Candidate for U.S. Senate

c. Kevin Kelley – Considering running for Judge in 2022. Still Cleveland Council President until January 3, 2022

d. Jeff Crossman – Candidate for Ohio Attorney General in 2022

e. Judge Sherrie Middy – running for re-election to Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas – General Division

f. Judge Lisa Forbes – her current unexpired term is ending; she is running for election

to her current Court of Appeals seat.

g. Judge Hollie Gallagher – running for re-election to Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas – General Division

VI. Approval of Minutes: N/A

VII. Treasurer's Report:

a. Schuyler reviewed the motion that was passed at the last meeting. The \$400 from the Club account to go into the PAC account. Listed below is from the discussion and motion voted on from last meeting.

i. The suggestion is since we are not having a live holiday event in 2021 that we use half of the \$400 allocated Special Event Holiday party to a charitable donation and the other half to our Campaign Office for 2022. Since these funds are allocated the Club account (which cannot make those donations), we would need to transfer funds to the PAC account. Schuyler explained \$400 would transfer from Club account Special Events/Holiday Party to PAC account - \$200 to the Campaign Office line item and \$200 to Other Independent Expenditures. Schuyler would write a \$200 check from the PAC account to Euclid Hunger Center. Chris asked for a motion to move the funds from the Club account to the PAC account, Charlene Mancuso made the motion, seconded by Retanio Rucker, motion passed. Chris asked for a motion to divide the \$400 moved to PAC account \$200 for EHC and \$200 for Campaign office, Charlene Mancuso made the motion seconded by Bud Hilf. Motion passed

VIII. Correspondence – N/A

IX. President's Report N/A

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st Vice President Report – N/A

XI. Committee: None

XII. Old Business – N/A

XIII. Comments

XIV. New business –

XV. Open Forum –

a. Council President Charlene Mancuso – Thanked the voters for coming out to vote, very appreciated. Looking forward to working with re-elected Council members and 2 new Council members.

b. State Rep Kent Smith – Candidate for State Senate seat being vacated by Senator

Kenny Yuko. Still waiting on the re-drawing of the maps to determine the new boundaries.

c. Carrie Hilf – inviting the community to participate in the 1 school 1 book read, so in January our whole school is reading the same book. Little Short Stories about people of different ethnicities “Flying Lessons and other Stories”– asking for volunteers to read one of the shore stories, will be videoed and play to the classes. Carrie expressed Euclid Teachers need your support, yard signs are available.

d. President Chris Ericksen – wished our out going Vice President(Joy Kennedy) the best of luck and expressed that she come back to visit.

XVI. Announcements –

a.

XVII. Raffle: N/A

XIV. Adjournment: EDC meeting adjourned at: 8:33pm,
Next meeting: Thursday January 20, 2022 –using Zoom.

Rec. Sec. Kandace Jones

EUCLID DEMOCRATIC CLUB Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022

Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

Members: David Bielek Jr., Cindy Brocone, Daniel Burns, Schuyler Cook, Phil DiBanca, Chris Ericksen, Jake Ericksen, Maria Ericksen, Kirsten Holzheimer-Gail, Carrie Walsh-Hilf, Bud Hilf, Emily Holody, Kandace Jones, Betsey Kamm, Laura Lewis, Charlene Mancuso, Sue McGinn, Lynn Radcliffe, Retanio Rucker, Sunny Simon, Janenell Smith, Kent Smith, Richard Tolton, Larry Williams, Judi Zivic

Guest: Judge Richard Bell, BJ Brown, Babette Calloway, Jason Cleaver, Judge Peter J. Corrigan, Chris Dodd, Judge Lisa Forbes, Elliott Forhan, Alfred Leak Jr., Carl J. Mazzone, Anne McDonough, Jennifer O’Donnell, Chris Ronayne, Jeffrey Saffold, Sanford Watson, Marcus Whiteamire

I. Call to Order: 7:03pm by President Chris Ericksen

II. Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

III. Certification of a Quorum: Satisfied

IV. Guest Speakers & Candidates –

- a. Judge Richard Bell – his unexpired term is ending; he is running for election to his current seat Court of Appeals
- b. Sanford E. Watson – candidate for Court of Common Pleas, General Division unexpired term ending 1/3/2027.
- c. Jeffrey Saffold – Candidate for Court of Common Pleas, General Division
- d. Elliott Forhan – Candidate for House District 19
- e. Chris Ronayne – Candidate for Cuyahoga County Executive. Shared his background with the group. He also shared his direction for campaign (healthy community, healthy government, healthy economy).
- f. Jennifer O'Donnell – candidate for Court of Common Pleas Judge, position held by appointed Republican Ken Callahan.
- g. Judge Peter J. Corrigan – seeking re-election for his fourth term for Court of Common Pleas, General Division
- h. County Councilwoman Sunny Simon – running for re-election for Cuyahoga County Council District 11
- i. Alfred Leak Jr. – special presentation tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. – Mr. Leak will present an excerpt from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. “The American Dream”. Dr. King delivered this speech at a commencement address at Lincoln University in June 1961. Many of the elements from this speech were actually incorporated in the “I Have A Dream” speech on the March of Washington in August 1963.
- j. Anne McDonough – Candidate for Juvenile Court Judge
- k. Carl J. Mazzone – candidate for Common Pleas Judge – unexpired term 1/3/2027 – currently held by appointed Ken Callahan, that was formally occupied by the late Judge Nancy McDonnell.
- l. Jason Clever – Euclid Teachers Association – 23rd yr teaching, 17yrs at Euclid. Jason shared more information about his background. Shared with the group many things he has done with his students (trip to meet President Obama). Jason shared COVID has had a terrible impact on teaching profession – virtual teaching, hybrid teaching. State of Ohio grading school districts is ridiculous – state measures the number of students that come to your school and how many graduate. With Euclid being a transient community,

the Euclid schools get a negative rating for that. Jason also shared teachers have sacrificed a lot and are not getting resolutions to their negotiations, board/administration want to take away teachers right to assign, seniority, etc. Teachers do not want to strike but will if they need to.

m. Retanio Rucker – Candidate for Juvenile Court Judge

V. Approval of Minutes: Kandace asked for a motion to approve the minutes from November 2021 meeting, motioned by Larry Williams, seconded by Kirsten Holzheimer-Gail. Motion passed. Kandace expressed although December was our holiday meeting minutes were taken. December minutes will be made available to review prior to February meeting.

VI. Treasurer's Report:

a. Schuyler reviewed the Club & PAC account activities since last meeting. Schuyler expressed all members that have not paid their 2022 Club dues please do so as soon as possible. Audit binders have been distributed to Audit Committee. Schuyler asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer Report subject to audit, motion by Larry Williams, seconded by Lynn Radcliffe. Motion passed.

VII. Correspondence – N/A

VIII. President's Report N/A

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st Vice President Report – N/A

X. Committee Report: Audit Committee will be ready to report at the February meeting

XI. Old Business – N/A

XII. New business – Kent Smith

a. Kent Smith's candidate for State Senate – website is up and running

b. Ohio House Democrats – zoom – redistricting committee to report from minority leader. State Legislative maps must be redrawn by Saturday. Kent will have more information after his zoom meeting.

c. City Leader/Ward Leaders Endorsement recommendation meeting– meeting Sat. Jan 22nd – Kent will be attending. Cuyahoga County Executive Endorsement meeting Wed. Jan 26th – dues must be paid by Jan 25th

. Will only cover County races and Judicial races.

XIII. Open Forum –

a. Mayor Holzheimer-Gail – Council had their Oath of office the end of December. Two new Council members, two re-elected and Council President re-elected. Two new businesses in Shore Center Plaza. currently working on the budget. Four new electric vehicle charges in the parking lot behind City Hall.

b. Council President Mancuso – there will be a COVID19 vaccine clinic Sat. Jan. 29th at Gateway Point Senior Complex.

c. Councilman Richard Tolton – expressed the Dr. King presentation was great.

d. Carrie Walsh-Hilf - shared Free COVID test sent to your home. She shared link in the chat.

XIV. Announcements –

a. President Chris Ericksen - Any guest that joined tonight if we do not have your information, please stick around on the meeting so we can get that information.

b. Mayor Holzheimer-Gail – expressed a good job to Jake Erickson for his article in the EDC Newsletter – congratulations Jake.

XV. Raffle: N/A

XIV. Adjournment: EDC meeting adjourned at: 9:00pm,

Next meeting: Thursday February 17, 2022 –using Zoom.

Rec. Sec. Kandace Jones



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See you in March's edition.*

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