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## Feedback via the Judicial Candidate Survey 2020 [#61]

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Position and District Sought\*: Judge, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas

Are you an incumbent for this office?: YES

Have you previously held an elected position?: YES

: Judge, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, 2003 - present.

Judge, Hamilton County Municipal Court, District 4, 2001 - 2003.

: Seeking: Right to Life; FOP Lodge #69; AFL-CIO; Plumbers and Pipefitters #392;

Received: Hamilton County Republican Party; Equality Cincinnati

: Justice and fairness to all that appear in Court; supporting Veterans through the Veterans Felony Treatment Court

1. Which former U.S. president's political philosophy best matches your own?: Ronald Reagan

Comments - Question 1:

2. Which U.S. Supreme Court Justice's legal philosophy best matches your own?: the late Justice Scalia

Comments - Question 2: I admired Justice Scalia's judicial integrity, adherence to the Constitution and his ability to respect people even though they may not have agreed with his jurisprudence.

3. Rate your judicial philosophy regarding the U.S. Constitution on a scale

of 1-10 with "living/evolving document" being 1 and "strict constructionist" being a 10:: 10

Comments - Question 3: Master documents like the Constitution are designed to be timeless and can be amended when necessary.

4. In Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), the U.S. Supreme Court recognized a "right to privacy" under the Constitution that includes abortion. The Constitution does not include this right.: Agree

Comments - Question 4:

5. Judges should refrain from "legislating from the bench." The translation of public policy into law and the creation, extension, modification or limitation of citizens' rights (and governmental authority) are properly within the province of the legislative, not judicial, branch of government.: Agree

Comments - Question 5:

6. An unborn child is biologically human at every stage of his or her biological development, beginning at fertilization.: Agree

Comments - Question 6: We have three adopted children. Everyday I thank God that their birth mothers chose life.

7. The law should be applied to pro-life demonstrators in the same manner as is applied to environmental, anti-war and labor demonstrators.: Agree

Comments - Question 7:

8. There is no provision in the current Ohio Constitution intended to require the use of public funds for abortion.: Agree

Comments - Question 8:

9. The judiciary does not possess the authority to expand the definition of marriage to include anything but one man and one woman.:

Comments - Question 9: A trial court judge has no power to make laws. A trial court judge only has the power to apply the laws to the facts of the case.

10. The law protects individuals' and organizations' rights of conscience from being forced to participate in abortion or other practices contrary to their moral or religious convictions.: Agree

Comments - Question 10:

11. Laws, regulations, or ordinances that restrict individuals' and organizations' rights of conscience are unconstitutional.:

Comments - Question 11: The Ohio Code of Judicial Conduct precludes me from answering this statement as written.

12. Laws that require businesses or religious organizations to work for or provide services to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons despite these entities' religious or moral objections are unconstitutional.:

Comments - Question 12: The Ohio Code of Judicial Conduct precludes me from answering this statement as written.

13. List all organizations to which you have contributed time or money in the past four years.: Right to life (since 19810, Pregnancy Center East, Pregnancy Center West, University of Notre Dame, Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, Holy Cross Priests, Summit Country Day School, Linden Grove School for Children on the Autism Spectrum, St. Jude Hospital, St. John Fisher Parish, Holy Name Parish.