



## FRANKLIN COUNTY CONSORTIUM FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT



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### You Be In Charge of Who is Elected.

Concerned about our economy, the cost of gas, or what is going on in Franklin County? Why depend upon ads or “gotcha” reporters’ analysis of races for elected offices important to you. Come meet and question candidates yourself, with your written questions asked to all candidates in a particular race by a well-known and well-respected news personality. The Franklin County Consortium for Good Government has just the solution for you – become an active questioner of candidates, not a passive observer.

The Franklin County Consortium for Good Government, along with many sponsoring and supporting organizations, is sponsoring twelve candidate forums this general election season. They will be moderated by representatives from WBNS 10TV, NBC-4, and WSYX-TV Channel 6. Franklin County, US Congress and judicial candidates, as well as candidates for the Ohio House and Senate, will be invited to attend the forums. The forums feature a half-hour reception before starting – 9:30 am for the JCC and for the first Northland Community center event. All other forums start with a reception at 6:30 pm and candidate forums starting at 7:00 pm.

Staffed by the League of Women Voters, the Franklin County Consortium for Good Government was started by Brookwood Presbyterian Church, the Jewish Federation and the National Council of Jewish Women in 1991. In 2008, 12 forums will be sponsored and co-sponsored by over 50 organizations. The Franklin County Consortium for Good Government urges you to inform yourself about this year's elections and issues.

"Please put the following sites and forums on your must-do list and urge all your friends and relatives to come with you," said Janyce C. Katz, co-chair of the Consortium. "Consider volunteering to help us increase the number of people attending or volunteering at the events."

"We are very excited to be part of this important event," said (your name) (your position) of (your organization's name). "We encourage you to bring your questions so that the moderator can ask them to the candidates."

"Please contact me at (a contact number or e-mail) if you would like to volunteer," (your name) continued. For up-to-date information on the races at each site, look at the web page, <http://www.franklincountyconsortium.com/>"

"Informing yourself about candidates and issues and then voting is the most important way you can help preserve our Democracy," said Erin Cordle, co-chair of the Franklin County Consortium for Good Government. "Then, take all this information to the polls and vote on Election Day," said Katz.

Below is a list of the forums for the 2008 election and the races that will be included in each forum.

### October 2, 2008

Peace Lutheran with Temple Beth Shalom  
455 Clark State Road, Gahanna, OH 43230.

Time: 6:30 PM Reception, 7:00 PM Forum

Contact: Skip Cornett & Dr. Tom Peet, 614-384-4654.

Races include 12<sup>th</sup> District US Congress, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> District Ohio House of Representatives, Franklin County Commissioner (race 1), Franklin County Clerk of Courts, 10<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals (race 2), and Franklin County Common Pleas Judge.



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**October 3, 2008**

Jewish Community Center

1125 College Avenue, 43209

Contact: Debbie Vinocur, 614-231-2731

Time: 9:30 AM

Races include 12<sup>th</sup> District US Congress, 19<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Ohio House of Representatives, Franklin County Commissioner (race 2), Franklin County Clerk of Courts, and Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Probate Judge.

**October 6, 2008**

Haimerl Center at the Ascension Lutheran Church

1421 Morse Road, 43229

Contact: Dave Paul, 614-325-8217

Time: 6:30 PM Reception, 7:00 PM Forum

Races include 12<sup>th</sup> District US Congress, 21<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>st</sup> District Ohio House of Representatives, Franklin County Commissioner (Race 2), Franklin County Treasurer, 10<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals (race 1 & 2), and Capital Bond and Columbus City Schools issues.

**October 6, 2008-Morning Event**

Haimerl Center at the Ascension Lutheran Church

1421 Morse Road, 43229

Contact: Dave Paul, 614-325-8217

Time: 9:00 AM

Races include 15<sup>th</sup> District US Congress, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> District Ohio House of Representatives, Franklin County Commissioner (Race 1), Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Probate Judge, and Capital Bond Issue.

**October 7, 2008**

Prairie Township Senior Center

4656 West Broad Street, 43228

Contact: Marcella Morgan, 614-878-1528

Time: 6:30 PM Reception, 7:00 PM Forum

Races include 15<sup>th</sup> District US Congress, 23<sup>rd</sup> District Ohio House of Representatives, 16<sup>th</sup> District Ohio Senate, Franklin County Commissioner (race 1 & 2), Franklin County Treasurer, Franklin County Coroner, and Southwestern City Schools issue.

**October 15, 2008**

Corpus Christi Catholic Church

1111 E. Stewart Avenue, 43206

Contact: Erin Cordle, 614-241-2540 Ext. 282

Time: 6:30 PM Reception, 7:00 PM Forum



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Races include 26<sup>th</sup> District Ohio House of Representatives, Franklin County Commissioner (race 1), Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney, Franklin County Clerk of Courts, 10<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals (race 1 & 2), and issues.

**October 16, 2008**

Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church with Temple Israel  
1636 Graham Rd., Reynoldsburg, 43068

Contact: Lee Leonard, 614-861-8637, Barbi Crabill, 614-231-2250

Time: 6:30 PM Reception, 7:00 PM Forum

Races include 12<sup>th</sup> District US Congress, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> District Ohio House of Representatives, Franklin County Commissioner (race 2), Franklin County Treasurer, 10<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals (race 1 & 2), issues.

**October 23, 2008**

Broad Street Presbyterian Church  
760 East Broad Street, 43205

Contact: Ann Palmerton, 614-221-6552

Time: 6:30 PM Reception, 7:00 PM Forum

Races include 25<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> District Ohio House of Representatives, Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney, 10<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals (race 1 & 2), Franklin County Common Pleas Judge, Franklin County Common Pleas Probate Judge, and issues.

**October 27, 2008**

1<sup>st</sup> Unitarian Universalist Church with Congregation Beth Tikvah  
93 West Weisheimer Road, 43214

Contact: Cathy Elkins, 614-267-5884

Time: 6:30 PM Reception, 7:00 PM Forum

Races include 15<sup>th</sup> District US Congress, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> District Ohio House of Representatives, 16<sup>th</sup> District Ohio Senate, Franklin County Commissioner (race 2), Franklin County Coroner, Franklin County Clerk of Courts, Franklin County Common Pleas Probate Judge, and Capital Bond and Columbus School Levy issues.

**October 28, 2008**

Brookwood Presbyterian Church with Redeemer Lutheran  
2685 E. Livingston Ave., 43209

Contact: Barbara Smoot, 614-833-2714

Time: 6:30 PM Reception, 7:00 PM Forum

Races include 12<sup>th</sup> District US Congress, 20<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> District Ohio House of Representatives, Franklin County Commissioner (race 1), Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney, Franklin County Clerk of Courts, 10<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals (race 1), and Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Probate Judge.

**St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church**

10700 Liberty Rd., Powell, 43065

Contact: Erin Cordle, 614-241-2540 Ext. 282

Time: 6:30 PM Reception, 7:00 PM Forum



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Races include 12<sup>th</sup> District US Congress, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> District Ohio House of Representatives, Franklin County Coroner, Delaware County Commissioner (race 1 & 2), and issues.

**Ohio State University, Newman Center**

Races include 24<sup>th</sup> District Ohio House of Representatives, Franklin County Commissioner (race 2), Franklin County Clerk of Courts, 10<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals (race 1 & 2), and State-wide Issues.