

## ■ Ohio Property Tax Reform – Candidate Questionnaire

**Purpose:** Ohio homeowners are facing rising property tax burdens that threaten affordability and stability. This questionnaire is designed to provide clarity on candidate positions regarding transparency, accountability, fairness, and reform of Ohio’s property tax system.

**Instructions for Candidates:** Please provide brief written answers to each question. Your responses will be shared with homeowners and voters to help them make informed decisions.

### Candidate Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Sought: \_\_\_\_\_

District/County: \_\_\_\_\_

### Transparency & Accountability

Will you support legislation requiring clear, plain-language reports showing how property tax dollars are spent at the county and school district levels?

Yes  No  Unsure

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you support independent audits of local governments and schools to ensure responsible spending of tax revenues?

Yes  No  Unsure

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### Fairness in Taxation

Do you believe Ohio’s current method of tying property taxes to “unrealized gains” (assessed values, not actual sales) is fair?

Yes  No  Unsure

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you support capping annual property tax increases or basing taxes on actual purchase price to protect homeowners?

Yes  No  Unsure

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### Homeowner Relief

Would you support expanding the Homestead Exemption or offering a percentage-based exemption (such as 50% for owner-occupied homes) to ease the burden on primary residents?

Yes  No  Unsure

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### Equity & Priorities

Do you support continuing tax abatements for large developers when homeowners face rising taxes?

Yes  No  Unsure

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

How will you prioritize protecting homeowners over hedge funds and out-of-state investors purchasing Ohio homes?

Yes                       No                       Unsure

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### Alternatives to Property Tax Dependence

Would you support exploring alternative revenue sources for schools and services (e.g., sales or income-based funding, or a property-transfer tax based on actual sales)?

Yes                       No                       Unsure

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### Final Statement

In one to two sentences, summarize your commitment to Ohio homeowners on property tax reform:

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■ This questionnaire was prepared by concerned Ohio residents seeking fairness, accountability, and transparency in property taxation.