

1. Homelessness

On any given night, nearly 11,000 Ohioans are experiencing homelessness—sleeping outside or in an emergency shelter or transitional housing program. What should the state do to help end homelessness?

State legislators and state officials should listen even more to experts and to stakeholders, and take action accordingly. Also, they should consider reducing regulatory burdens on housing construction, consider revising zoning codes, and continue publicizing the homelessness problem via media and otherwise, so that the public understands the scope of the problem.

2. Housing Challenges in Rural Ohio

Although millions of Ohioans throughout the state have trouble paying their rent or mortgage, housing insecurity in rural areas is often overlooked. Resources for rural communities have decreased while housing issues have increased significantly. How would you address the housing needs of our rural communities?

I would address the housing needs of our rural communities by listening to experts and stakeholders in rural areas, and taking action accordingly. Also, I would study the ideas of reducing regulatory burdens on housing construction, revising zoning codes, and allowing additional options for rural sewage systems.

3. Ohio Housing Trust Fund (for state candidates only)

The Ohio Housing Trust Fund (OHTF) is the number one source of state funding for local affordable housing development and homelessness programs in the state. Each OHTF dollar generate over \$8 in economic activity. The OHTF has been historically funded through a 50-50 split with county recorders fees, but revenues have declined in recent years. Do you believe the state should ensure sufficient revenue for the OHTF? If so, how?

Yes, I believe the state should ensure sufficient revenue for the OHTF. That's because I believe that the majority of people in Ohio want every human being in Ohio to have a safe place to sleep. I'm open to ideas of how to make OHTF funding sufficient for that purpose.