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SCC District 7 Report
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To: Senate District 7 Republicans

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Subject: Ohio Republican Party State Central Committee Meeting Summary – October 2, 2026

Dear Friends,

The Ohio Republican Party State Central and Executive Committee met on October 2, 2026, at the Encova Building to conduct committee business, review Party operations, and prepare for the General Election. The Committee approved a new District 30 member and unanimously endorsed a yes vote on Issue 3. I wanted to share those decisions, the reports presented, and the upcoming events relevant to our district.

Organization of the Meeting

Chairman Alex Triantafilou presided, with 59 members attending in person or online. I had the privilege of delivering the invocation, and Rebecca Nourse led the Pledge of Allegiance. With Secretary Tony Schroeder absent, the chairman handled the meeting notice and roll call. Members waived the reading of the notice, adopted the agenda, and approved the June 12 meeting minutes. On a motion by Gary Cates, the Committee unanimously appointed Jimmy Stewart to fill the District 30 Committeeman vacancy. Mr. Stewart was sworn into office. Members also unanimously approved the Committee on Committees report assigning members to subcommittees. Secretary of State Frank LaRose addressed the meeting remotely, and Judge Rob Montgomery was recognized as a guest.

Endorsement of Issue 3

The Committee unanimously endorsed a yes vote on Issue 3. In presenting the motion, Susan Platt described the proposal as placing voter identification requirements in the Ohio Constitution. The endorsement was the only endorsement question before the Committee at this meeting.

Financial Report

Treasurer Diane Redden presented the 2023 and 2024 audit report on behalf of Audit Committee Chair Debbie Lang. She reported that the auditors identified no deficiencies in internal controls that they considered material weaknesses. She also noted recommendations to strengthen controls, including record preservation and timely classification of income.

Diane then presented the Treasurer's Report and introduced a new comparison showing changes in the Party's financial position since the previous reporting period. She emphasized that the financial reports supplied to members were confidential; their detailed contents are not included here.

In a separate finance update, Executive Director Mitch Tulley reported that operational fundraising was nearing the annual goal, excluding the state candidate fund. Digital and direct mail fundraising efforts had been very successful, and the Finance Committee had grown to 15 members.

Preparing for November

Mitch Tulley shared that the field program reported approximately 400,000 door knocks, 850,000 phone calls, and 656 recruited volunteers, excluding contacts made by Super PAC partners. The Party had assisted 192 campaigns and reported more than 540,000 mail pieces sent.

Digital slate cards were available online for all 88 counties. The communications report cited more than 50,000 unique website visits since January 1, 14.5 million unpaid social media impressions over the past year, and nearly 650,000 emails delivered.

Secretary LaRose emphasized voter participation and the importance of races throughout the ballot. Gubernatorial candidate Vivek Ramaswamy also addressed the Committee, thanking members for their work and encouraging continued support for Republican candidates.

Chairman Triantafilou reiterated the focus of Rise & Rally: reaching voters who do not consistently participate in elections. County-specific voter lists had been provided to county chairs, and members were encouraged to coordinate with their county organizations.

Looking Ahead

An 11-day statewide bus tour was planned for October 23 through November 2, with anticipated stops in Hamilton and Warren Counties. The chairman said the route was still a draft. Local stop locations and times were to be announced as the tour approached.

The Party has completed its three required meetings for the year. A December meeting remained possible; otherwise, the next meeting was expected in January. The October 2 meeting concluded with adjournment.

The weeks ahead will require continued engagement through volunteering, supporting our candidates, and encouraging friends and neighbors to vote. County organizations will be an important point of coordination for these efforts.

As your State Central Committeeman, I remain committed to keeping Senate District 7 Republicans informed about the decisions and work of the Ohio Republican Party. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving you.

Blessings,

Rev. Christian M Mays

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