



MATRIOTS®

The Matriots PAC is a nonpartisan political action committee dedicated to supporting, endorsing, and encouraging Ohio women candidates.

In 2017, the Matriots PAC was founded by Ohio women in response to the significant underrepresentation of women in Ohio politics. It is not right that just 29% of all elected offices in Ohio are held by women.¹

What We Do

WE ENDORSE: Ohio women running for political office, regardless of political affiliation, who will support legislation and public policy that promote an economy in which women can prosper, communities are safe and healthy, sustainable opportunities for women are available, and our human, civil, and reproductive rights will be safeguarded.

WE SUPPORT: Endorsed candidates with our money, influence, votes, and engagement. With over 1300 members across Ohio we leverage our shared power to support equal representation at all levels of government.

WE ENCOURAGE: Women to increase their political influence and impact by holding office, contributing to women candidates, influencing legislation, and voting.

Our Values

The well-being of our families, communities, and country is directly impacted by the economic independence, health, and safety of women. Key factors in ensuring the health and safety of women are economic security, dominion over their bodies, access to education, and the ability to live and rear children in a healthy, prosperous environment.

As this country's majority gender, chief consumers, and lead caregivers of our families, women must support legislation and public policy to control their own well-being and that of their families. Political participation is key to achieving this.

Women-friendly policy and legislation are vital to good government and will provide a healthy way forward from our present political stalemate.

We believe that not to act is to act.

OUR MISSION

To elect more Ohio women to public office who will promote a healthy economy in which women can thrive and prosper.

OUR VISION

We envision a future where women have equal power and influence.

OUR BOLD GOAL

By 2028, at least 50% of all elected offices in Ohio are to be held by women.

¹Based on The Matriots PAC's 2018-2019 "State of Women in Ohio Elected Office" report, the first formal measurement of women in Ohio political office.



How We Endorse

WE ARE NONPARTISAN: We create a way for people to rally around women who share their values, regardless of political or apolitical position, as there are many Ohioans who don't see themselves as "political," in step with any particular party, or feel that the party system is not serving their interests and those of their families.

PROCESS: If a candidate embraces our values and would like our endorsement and/or financial support, she should complete our endorsement application, available on our website. Applicants will then be screened for potential endorsement and may be invited for interviews conducted by our endorsement Committee. We look for many qualities, including but not limited to: candidate vision, the ability to conduct a robust and competitive campaign, a path to victory, and the importance of pipeline building.

We endorse women candidates who support policies that:

- » Promote economic equality for all women, ensure equal access to education, and end discrimination and sexual harassment in the workplace.
- » Ensure the health and safety of all women and protect their ability to live and rear children in a healthy, prosperous environment.

We do not endorse women candidates who:

- » Do not demonstrate support for the economic and political empowerment of women and the protection of women's rights.
- » Are unwilling to propose, support or fight for public policies and legislation that promote the economic equality, security and safety of all women.
- » Actively and vocally support policies that limit reproductive freedom or access to affordable preventative health care services for all women.

FEDERAL AND JUDICIAL: The Matriots will not endorse women running for Federal Office as we are a state PAC and legally permitted only to endorse candidates for state and local offices. Additionally, we will accept applications from candidates running for Ohio State Supreme Court, but will not make any endorsements in lower court judicial races at this time.

