



2022 Endorsement Guidelines for Judicial Candidates

This statement applies to candidates for judicial office only. If you are applying for endorsement in an election for any other office, please refer back to the Standard Guidelines

The Matriots PAC is a nonpartisan political action committee dedicated to increasing women's participation in the political process at all levels of government in Ohio. We endorse and support women candidates who share our values and demonstrate the vision and ability to conduct a robust, competitive campaign.

Our beliefs:

- 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 the values of economic empowerment, equity and independence, dominion over their bodies, access to education, and the ability to live and rear children in a healthy, safe and 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.

The Matriots recognizes that, when campaigning, judicial candidates are subject to requirements that differ from those applicable to candidates for other elected offices in the state. To ensure judicial candidates are able to comply with the Ohio Judicial Canons while seeking endorsements from The Matriots, we ask that they provide information indicating their understanding of The Matriots beliefs (above) and specifically reference case law, opinions, speeches, or other available material to evidence their understanding.

As in past years, The Matriots PAC has decided to only make endorsements for statewide Supreme Court judicial races in 2022.



All candidates extended endorsement will be considered for financial contributions.

Federal:

- The Matriots PAC is NOT registered to endorse or fund federal campaigns.

Previously endorsed candidates:

- Endorsed candidates Class of 2018, 2019, 2020, or 2021 must reapply each election cycle.

Primary election considerations:

- We will focus efforts on competitive primaries.

Key Matriots PAC Application Deadline Dates

MARCH 14, 2022: Deadline for May 3rd Primary Election consideration

All partisan candidates who would like to be considered for endorsement for General Election are *encouraged* to submit an application electronically at Matriotsohio.com by midnight to be endorsed for the primary election on May 3rd

MAY 31, 2022: Deadline for Nov 2 General Election consideration:

All candidates who would like to be considered for endorsement for the general election must submit an application electronically at Matriotsohio.com by midnight. This is the FINAL deadline for all 2022 endorsements.

Application and Endorsement Process

If you embrace our beliefs and would like our endorsement and/or financial support, please complete and submit the online application (matriotsohio.com/apply) for judicial endorsement consideration. All candidates under consideration for endorsement must submit a completed application by the stated deadline.

The application can be found on The Matriots website. If you do not have access to a Gmail account, you must create an account. Once you have successfully completed the online application, you will receive a confirmation message and an email of your responses. If you do not receive a confirmation



message please connect with Kim Croffoot-Suede at 347-331-3384 or Endorsement@matriotsohio.com.

Review of candidate's application will take place after the stated deadline. The Matriots PAC does not consider candidates who have not completed an application, nor does The Matriots PAC extend the deadline. After review of candidate's application, the endorsement committee may advance applicants to a screening interview.

The Matriots PAC has established an endorsement committee for the purpose of evaluating candidates and recommending, where appropriate, support for and/or endorsement of women candidates who embrace our priorities. We believe it is a great responsibility to support women candidates in their quest for elected office; thus, the endorsement committee will conduct its work through the lens of the mission, beliefs and values of the organization. The Matriots PAC also considers the following when screening applicants: campaign viability, the level of female representation in the district or office in which she is running for, a demonstrated commitment to public service, and an avowed interest in future campaigns or service to her community.

The Matriots PAC board of directors ultimately votes upon the recommendation of the endorsement committee for endorsement and funding recommendations. The Matriots PAC reserves the right to withdraw their endorsement at any time they see fit upon the recommendation from the endorsement committee and Matriots PAC board of directors.

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