

January 2024 Legislative Update from

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From the desk of Rep. Juanita O. Brent HOUSE DISTRICT 22

Dear Neighbor,

Happy New Year! 2024 is the time to build upon the past to make a world we can be proud of today. My New Year's Resolution is to secure Adult-Use Cannabis as Ohioans voted: with accessible expungement and cannabis licensure, home-grow, and social equity.

In January we will be celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. and National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Take time to spread awareness to protect and empower survivors of human trafficking. Let us also honor a legacy of standing up against the institutions and laws upholding Racism, educational and economic inequality.

Ohio has two election this year, in March and November. As a reminder Ohio's Laws have changed. For Early In-person voting the only accepted photo id's is an Ohio Driver's license, US Passport/Passport Card, US Military ID, State of Ohio ID, or interim ID issued by the BMV.

The Capital Budget process is on the way. The Capital Budget totals \$2.1 billion with an estimate of at least \$100 million coming to Cuyahoga County. Capital Project Worksheets have been submitted to the House and soon the Senate Capital Project Process will begin. Please submit project worksheets to State Senators before the April 8th deadline. The capital budget will pass in spring.

As always, please reach out to my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

**Karamu House CEO
Statehouse Visit**

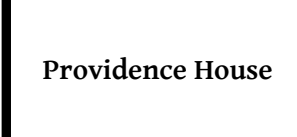
Sincerely,
State Representative Juanita O. Brent
House District 22



Rep. Brent in The Community



**Cleveland Hts/
University Hts
School Board Meeting**



Providence House



Murtis Taylor



Cleveland Food Bank



Helpful Contacts

Public Safety: www.publicsafety.ohio.gov

Highway Patrol 877-7-PATROL

DUI Hotline 800-GRAB-DUI

Taxation: www.tax.ohio.gov

Form Requests 800-282-1782

Taxpayer Assistance 800-282-1780

Jobs and Family Services:
www.jfs.ohio.gov

Veteran Services 888-296-7541

Unemployment 877-644-6562

Bureau of Motor Vehicles:

www.bmv.ohio.gov

Information 800-589-TAGS

District Directory

What is the District Directory?

The district directory is a booklet that provides information on public and elected officials as well as resources within House District 22

Where to find District Directories

- East Cleveland Public Library
- South Pointe Hospital
- Warrensville Heights Library (CCPL)
- Shaker Heights Public Library
- Cleveland Hts- University Hts Public Library
- Shaker Heights Bertram Woods Branch
- Coventry Village Library

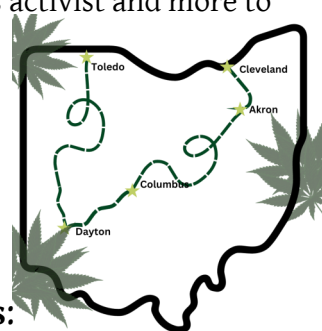


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Cannabis For The People Townhall

Join State Representatives, Cannabis activist and more to speak about

- ◆ Home Grow
- ◆ Social Equity Board
- ◆ Micro Business License
- ◆ Automatic Expungement
- ◆ Processor License Amendments
- ◆ and much more...



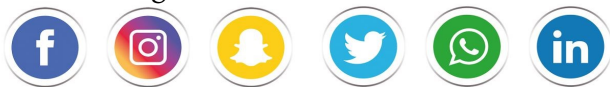
Four Stops:

Dayton, Cleveland, Toledo and Akron

Social Media Notification Act

16 and younger must do these steps to use social media:

- ◆ Sign a digital form consenting to the terms of service
- ◆ Use a credit card, debit card, or other online payment system
- ◆ Call a toll-free telephone number
- ◆ Connect to trained personnel via video-conference
- ◆ Check a form of government-issued identification



Begins January 15, 2024

Welcome Home Ohio Grant

The Welcome Home Ohio program provides funding (\$150 Million) to improve access to affordable housing across Ohio.

To Learn More

- Step 1:** Go to development.ohio.gov
- Step 2:** Click the For Community Header
- Step 3:** Click the Redevelopment Tab
- Step 4:** Click the Welcome Home Ohio Program Tab

Application Opens: January 9th

Adult-Use Cannabis:

Issue 2	House Bill 86	House Bill 354
Home Grow: 12 plants per home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Allows transfer of home grow cannabis 	Home Grow: 6 plants per home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Bans transfer of home grown cannabis 	Home Grow: 12 plants per home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Bans transfer of home grown cannabis
THC limits for adult-use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 35% for plant material ◆ 90% for ex-tracts. 	THC limits for adult-use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 35% for plant material ◆ 50% for ex-tracts. 	THC limits for adult-use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 35% for plant material ◆ 90% for ex-tracts.
Establishes the Cannabis Social Equity and Jobs Program	Repeals the Cannabis Social Equity and Jobs Program	Establishes the Cannabis Social Equity and Jobs Program
10% excise tax	15% excise tax	10% excise tax
Allows Public Smoking	Public Smoking Ban	Public Smoking Ban

Things Governor Signed & Vetoed

Signed			Vetoed
SB 91: Fraud Reporting Law	HB 35: Eliminate limitations period for certain sexual abuse claims	HB 23, HB 31, HB 32, HB 33 (State and Agency Budget)	HB68 (Anti- Transgender Bill)
HB 61: James Garfield Day	SB 10: Internal Revenue Code Changes	SB21: Appellate Court Changes	
HB 52: EMS Training	SB 34: Sarcoma Awareness Month	SB 43: Homestead Exemption	
HB 191: Bail Law	HB 201: Ban sale restrictions on hybrid or electric vehicles	SB 16: Food Donation Immunity	