



From the Office of Representative Casey Weinstein (D-Hudson)

Working For You: A Look Ahead at 2022



Dear Neighbor,

Happy New Year and Happy Black History Month! I came to the Statehouse to fight for equity and justice for people of all races, sexualities, gender expressions, religions, classes, and backgrounds. Black History Month is a time to honor that, and to specifically celebrate the full histories of Black Americans.

This year, I remain focused on tackling Statehouse corruption, legalizing adult-use cannabis, supporting and protecting our teachers and healthcare workers, and moving Ohio toward clean, green energy. Some other House Democrats legislative priorities I share for this year include:

- Tackling corruption and restoring integrity to all levels of state government;
• Strengthening our democracy by enacting fair maps that best represent Ohioans and protecting the freedom to vote;
• Implementing commonsense gun safety reforms;
• Fixing the state’s broken unemployment system;
• Fully repealing HB 6 and preparing Ohio for a clean energy future;
• Making healthcare affordable and accessible;
• Continuing to stand with working people, to invest in our communities and grow good paying jobs that cut workers in on the deal and build an economy that works for all of us, not just those at the top.

Mark your calendars to join me at my upcoming Legislative Town Hall on Thursday, February 17 at 7pm at the Stow-Monroe Falls Public Library to discuss all of this and more. We’ll be focusing on current legislation passing through the Statehouse, goals for 2022, and where we stand with redistricting. This event is in-person and will also be streamed live to Facebook. We are planning our spring town hall for April in Cuyahoga Falls, so stay tuned for details, and I hope to see you in Stow this month!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns! My staff and I are here to work you throughout 2022 and beyond.

Sincerely, Casey Weinstein



Capital Budget Applications Due Soon!

Attention Community Leaders:

Every two years, the Ohio legislature passes a Capital Budget, and a portion of the capital budget is traditionally dedicated to local community projects.

If any of your cities/townships are currently planning capital improvements, or if you are aware of local organizations in your communities planning such projects, I encourage you to contact my office for more details and to receive an application.

The deadline to submit for funding is March 18. Email my office at Rep37@ohiohouse.gov or call us at 614-466-1177 to learn more!

Spotlight: Ohio Redistricting

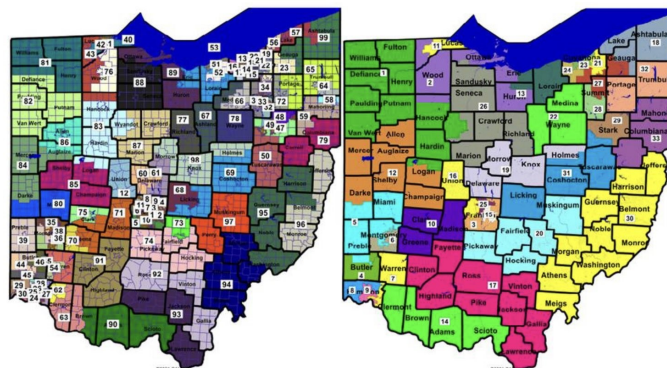
The redistricting process continues, after the Ohio Supreme Court struck down both the state legislative and Congressional maps as unconstitutional in mid-January. The Court gave the Ohio Redistricting Commission 10 days to redraw the state legislative maps, and Republican commissioners adopted another set of partisan, four-year state maps on Jan. 22 without any Democratic support. The new state maps are now under review by the Court after voter rights advocates challenged the new maps as unconstitutional once again.

Meanwhile, the Ohio Supreme Court has given the legislature 30 days to redraw the Congressional map to comply with the proportionality requirements put forward by voters. That 30 day period ends in two weeks. Ohio House Democrats are still fighting to ensure fair maps and elections for the people of Ohio, who deserve to choose who represents them, not the other way around.

In response to the uncertainty caused by the unconstitutional state legislative and Congressional maps, House Bill (HB) 93 was recently signed into law, which makes several changes to the filing requirements for the upcoming primary election. Even though Statehouse and Congressional districts are not finalized, the deadline to file for the election was February 2nd.

Commission wants new Ohio legislative maps to stay at least through general election

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Shown here are new Ohio legislative district maps approved by the Ohio Redistricting Commission. (OHIO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION)

Reach Out to Rep. Weinstein

Here are some ways our office can help:

- Disputes with government agencies
• Ohio House commendations, condolences, and congratulatory letters
• Propose bill ideas and law changes
• Connect you or your business to state programs or services

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Legislative Update

Adult-Use Cannabis/ My colleague, Rep. Upchurch, and I introduced HB 382 last summer as the first legislative effort to legalize adult-use cannabis. Since then, there have been two more bills introduced: one by GOP lawmakers and one by petition initiative. The House now has four months to consider the initiative before it heads to the November ballot for voters to review. All three bills would allow adult-use for Ohioans ages 21+.

HB 491: Establish Paid Family and Medical Leave/ I am excited to be signed on as a co-sponsor to this bill that is sponsored by my colleagues, Rep. Boyd and Minority Leader Russo. This bill would create a program to provide 12 weeks of family and medical leave benefits. All Ohioans deserve the ability to take needed time to care for a family member, bond with a new child, or address their own serious health condition.

