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“And that’s why I can say with confidence there has never been a man or a woman, not me, not Bill, nobody, more qualified than Hillary Clinton to serve as president of the United States of America. I hope you don’t mind, Bill, but I was just telling the truth, man.” President Barack Obama

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VOTE "FOR" THE LEVY



ISSUE 2
City of Toledo
 Income Tax 3/4 %
 continuation (RENEWAL)



ISSUE 20
Lucas County
 Children's Services

If You Vote for No One or Nothing Else During This Election Cycle – Vote for Hillary, Issue 2 and Issue 20!

These choices on the ballot are life altering – affecting our economy, our safety, our children and defining what course our individual futures and the future of our community will take.

The Case for Hillary Clinton

Over the course of the past two months we have laid out the many reasons we feel that Hillary Clinton is the clear choice to be elected the 45th president of the United States. She is, as the last two Democratic presidents agree, the most qualified person to ever be nominated by a major party.

Qualifications aside, her stance on policy issues such as health care, taxation, education, racial justice, gun violence, the economy, immigration reform, voting rights, climate change and criminal justice reform, to name a few, are much more in line with what we feel is right for America.

We don't need to throw away Obamacare, build a wall around our country, target those of certain religious beliefs, ignore climate change, give tax breaks only to the wealthy or ignore the danger of permitting the mentally unstable from collecting all the firearms they need. That's the prescription for success that her opponent proposes.

Regrettably, we hear all too often from those in the African-American community that the Democratic Party has done too little to assist our community and therefore what possible difference can it make who we vote for. Yes, Trump is evil they say, but is Hillary any better? Are the Democrats any better?

Hell, yes, they are better!

If anyone feels that over the past eight years, in particular, this Democratic administration has been less than favorable for black, take a look first at Obamacare. Because of Obamacare, over the past two years, six in 10 African Americans qualified for Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Plan (the plan Hillary Clinton forged when she was first lady) or lower costs on monthly premiums through the Health Insurance Marketplace.

In the African-American community, as of late 2015, 2.3 million (ages 18-64) have gained health insurance coverage lowering the uninsured rate by 6.8 percentage points; 7.8 million African Americans with private insurance now have access to preventive services such as mammograms or flu shots with no co-pay or deductibles; more than a half million now have coverage under their parents' plan.



Hillary Clinton



Robin Reese, Executive Director, Lucas County Children Services

In general, as President Obama has led the nation back from the brink of economic collapse, it is equally hard to overestimate what his leadership has meant for the black community.

For example: the Democratic effort to bail out the auto industry saved the jobs of thousands of African Americans who comprise 14 percent of the U.S. automotive workforce; because of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act – the stimulus – the administration increased Pell Grant funding by \$15.6 billion – about one quarter of Pell recipients are African American.

The Obama administration has moved to directly aid historically black colleges and universities by additional billions of dollars and has more than doubled the amount the amount of federal contracts and capital available to minority-owned

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RE-ELECT
MICHAEL ASHFORD
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 44

State Representative Michael Ashford is committed to serving House District 44 and Northwest Ohio. Michael Ashford has over 35 years of advocating for youth, believes in making our communities safe, and supports quality education. He wants to protect our seniors and make sure their retirement benefits are secure.

Michael Ashford has been a proven leader in the Ohio House of Representatives. We ask that you return him to office so he can continue to work on:

- Restoring local government funds
- Improving funding for Toledo public education
- Enhancing water quality in Toledo
- Repairing infrastructure
- Bringing an end to Ohio's opiate crisis

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These are just a few examples of the impact President Obama and the Democratic Party has had on the black community – virtually all without the consent of the members of the GOP.

Hillary Clinton has spent her adult life working for these same policies and helping to implement any number of them in her various roles in service to her country – policies that have a positive impact on the lives of children and families.

However, the single most important reason to vote for Clinton in this election is the United States Supreme Court. Our next president will have the opportunity to appoint a minimum of three justices to the Court – replacing Antonin Scalia (who died earlier this year), Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Anthony Kennedy. The Court will be ruling on cases over the next few years affecting affirmative action, gun control, sentencing guidelines, climate change, campaign financing, health care – among other issues. A Court with a majority of progressive justices can positively impact the lives of all U.S. citizens for decades to come. A Trump Court will continue to focus on the well-being of the wealthy.

Admittedly, what Hillary doesn't have is the charisma and likeability quotient of the last few presidents – husband Bill, Barack Obama or even George W. Bush. But as Oprah recently said: "You don't like her? She's not coming over to your house."

What would a Trump presidency mean for the black community? A recent incident at his rally in North Carolina is instructive. A black man, C.J. Cary, a long-time Trump supporter, went to the rally. The crowd booed Cary until Trump noticed him. He called the man a "thug", accused him of being a protester and had the man thrown out. Cary, contacted later by the Washington Post, said he was still going to vote for Trump. Let's hope the rest of us are not the victims of such blind stupidity – that we have just a little more pride in who we are.

And if you don't vote, it's a vote for Trump.

The Case for Issue 2

The City of Toledo is asking voters to approve a renewal of a 0.75 "temporary" income tax. The "temporary" title exists because the additional tax was approved more than 30 years ago by voters with the provision that it be placed on the ballot for approval on a regular basis.

This is really a no-brainer. It's a matter of safety.

The 0.75 tax will account for over \$56 million in revenue for the City of Toledo and will keep about 700 employees on the job including 260 police officers and 211 fire fighters. Without approval of Issue 2, eight fire stations will be closed around the city.

Don't think for a minute that the request reflects a city government gone crazy with the mismanagement of taxpayers' funds or that, if the levy is not approved, cuts can be made without touching safety forces.

Toledo's public safety employees account for 88 percent of the general fund payroll for all city employees.

In addition, Toledo's costs for its safety forces are well in line with the costs for similar-sized cities.

The only negative aspect of the .075 temporary tax is that it is temporary, forcing the city to place it on the ballot every four years and obliging city to spend precious hours planning campaigns for its renewal.

The Case for Issue 20

This one's for the kids – thousands of them.

Lucas County Children Services is asking voters to approve the renewal of its current 1.4 mill levy in addition to a 0.4 mill increase. The reason for the increase – which will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home a little over \$1 per month – is that LCCS has faced an increased burden in dealing with additional children and families in the county ravaged by the opiate and heroin epidemic. Fifty-five percent of the cases opened by LCCS involve substance abuse.

During the first quarter of this year, LCCS experienced a 54 percent increase in the number of children entering agency custody – an unprecedented occurrence.

If the overall levy does not pass, LCCS will lose about one-quarter of its operating budget – about \$10 million annually from the funds it allocates for the care and placement of abused and neglected children. Layoffs and furloughs will follow along with a massive reduction of services available to families and children.

The Truth strongly urges everyone to get to the polls by the end of the day on November 8, earlier if you possibly can. The Early Voting Center is open this last weekend on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. It's located at 1301 Monroe Street.

While you are there, if you do nothing else, vote for Clinton; vote for Issue 2; vote for Issue 20. Your life, and the lives of your neighbors, will be much better for it.



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And Also ... Vote For Issues 18, 21, 22 and 23

As we noted in our previous article, there are two issues on the ballot – 2 and 20 – that are a matter of life and survival.

Then there are four issues that are critically important in order to maintain the quality of life in Toledo for all residents. Issue 18 is a renewal request from the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority. Issue 21 is a renewal request from Imagination Station. Issue 22 is a renewal request from the Toledo Lucas County Public Library along with an additional increase. Issue 23 is a request from the Toledo Zoo for a renewal and a decrease.

We urge our readers to vote for all four levy requests.

Issue 18 – TARTA Seeks a 1.5 Mill Renewal

The 1.5 mill renewal that TARTA is asking voters to approve provides 25 percent of the company's operating budget. The benefits of TARTA operating effectively are readily apparent. A healthy TARTA is an absolute necessity since access to public transportation provides economic opportunity for many, it drives community revitalization and it enables many to have access to job opportunities.

This levy is not a new tax

Issue 21 – Imagination Station Seeks a 0.17 Renewal

Imagination Station's levy request is the smallest on the ballot this year and will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home only \$5.13 per year. The levy provides \$1.15 million – 27 percent of the annual operating budget for the non-profit agency.

In the heart of downtown Toledo, Imagination Station offers approximately 300 exhibits and the levy enables the science-oriented organization to keep admission prices as low as possible, particular for children 12 and under.

This levy is not a new tax

Issue 22 – Toledo Lucas County Library Seeks a 2.9 Renewal and a 0.8 increase

The current levy ends in December 2017 and the increase would not be

slated to take effect until January 2018. The total 3.7 levy is expected to account for 57 percent of the Library's operating budget and the additional tax will increase that annual amount from \$20 to \$25 million annually.

The Library needs the renewal, of course, to maintain the level of services Toledo area residents have come to expect over the years from one of the finest library systems in the nation. The Library operates 20 locations in addition to four Outreach Services vehicles.

The additional funds will enable the Library to expand services and hours at certain branches all for the cost of only \$30 additional from the owner of a \$100,000 home.

In truth, it is a rare individual who does not avail himself of the Library's services with frequency throughout the year – the Library performs so many functions within our community. For some, the Library is a home away from home.

There are few institutions, if any, that have such a positive impact on the quality of life for Lucas County residents.

Issue 23 – The Toledo Zoo Seeks a 0.75 Renewal and a 0.1 Decrease

Yes, you read that right. Rated the number one of its kind in the nation, our zoo is actually asking the voters' permission to take in less money. If you are looking for a bargain on the ballot, this is surely it.

In the 1980's the Zoo relied on money from levies for about 80 percent of its operating budget. Currently the Zoo's budget gets only 14 percent of its funds from levies, an amount that will be reduced in the next few years. The Zoo has the ability to raise funds in other ways, from admissions to spectacular fundraisers and it makes the most of those.

We don't want to lose any of these institutions or diminish their impact because each adds so much to the economy, to the quality of life and to the educational attainment of our children and families. Please vote For on all of these levy issues.

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**2016 TOLEDO BAR ASSOCIATION JUDICIAL POLL RESULTS

REPUBLICAN SHELLY M. KENNEDY

- ✗ **LACKS** trial experience
- ✗ **ZERO** endorsements from labor and safety unions
- ✗ **NOT RECOMMENDED** by 41% of local attorneys**



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Ohio Supreme Court Candidates O'Donnell and Rice Receive Excellent Ratings from Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

Special to The Truth

The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association has awarded "excellent" ratings to Appellate Court Judge Cynthia Rice and Common Pleas Court Judge John O'Donnell in their races for the Ohio Supreme Court.

"The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association is the largest in Ohio, and they have assessed Judge John O'Donnell and Judge Cynthia Rice as "excellent" candidates for the state's highest court," said Ohio Democratic Party Chairman David Pepper. "O'Donnell and Rice believe that the Ohio Supreme Court should be a place that is fair and impartial in upholding the constitutional rights of all Ohioans, not just the wealthy and well-connected. These "excellent" ratings are further evidence that O'Donnell and Rice are the most qualified candidates for the Ohio Supreme Court."

Rice's opponent, Pat DeWine, was the only Supreme Court candidate not to receive an "excellent" rating from the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. DeWine also received a "not recommended" rating from the Ohio State Bar Association.

Judge Rice and Judge O'Donnell have received "highly recommended" and "recommended" ratings, respectively, from the Ohio State Bar Association and received endorsements from the Ohio Association of Public School Employees (OAPSE), United Auto Workers (UAW), Ohio Democratic County Chairs Association and the Ohio Democratic Party.

Representing more than 5,500 members, the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association unified the Cleveland Bar Association and the Cuyahoga County Bar Association, making the organization the largest legal community in Ohio. They rate candidates based on the criteria of integrity, judicial temperament, diligence, professional competence and community understanding.

Sigma Gamma... continued from page 16

"The 2016 Central Region Ohio State Meeting marks the second largest gathering of our members of the state apart from our annual Regional Conference," explained Harris.

The meeting was organized by local affiliate, Iota Theta Sigma Chapter of Toledo, Ohio under the leadership of local president Kimberly Grable and Area hostess Artisha Lawson.

"Members of the Regional Board of Directors, in collaboration with our State Director Tia Goodlett of Worthington, OH and members of the local Toledo Alumnae Chapter planned and hosted this special event. Under the leadership of local Basileus Kimberly Grable and Hostess Artisha Lawson, the membership and affiliates executed service projects, workshops and training events to help members enhance their impact in the various communities where the sorority operates in the state of Ohio," said Harris.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. was founded in 1922 by seven educators at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. Currently over 90,000 women across five regions complete various local and international initiatives under the motto, "Greater Service, Greater Progress." The sorority's official affiliates are Philo Affiliate and Rhoer Club, and service projects are under the slogan, "H3, It's All About Me!" which focuses on Healthy Living, Healthy Choices and Healthy Generations.

For more information about the local sorority chapter, Philo Affiliate, or Rhoer Club visit <http://sgrhotoledo.blogspot.com> or email sgrhotoledo@gmail.com

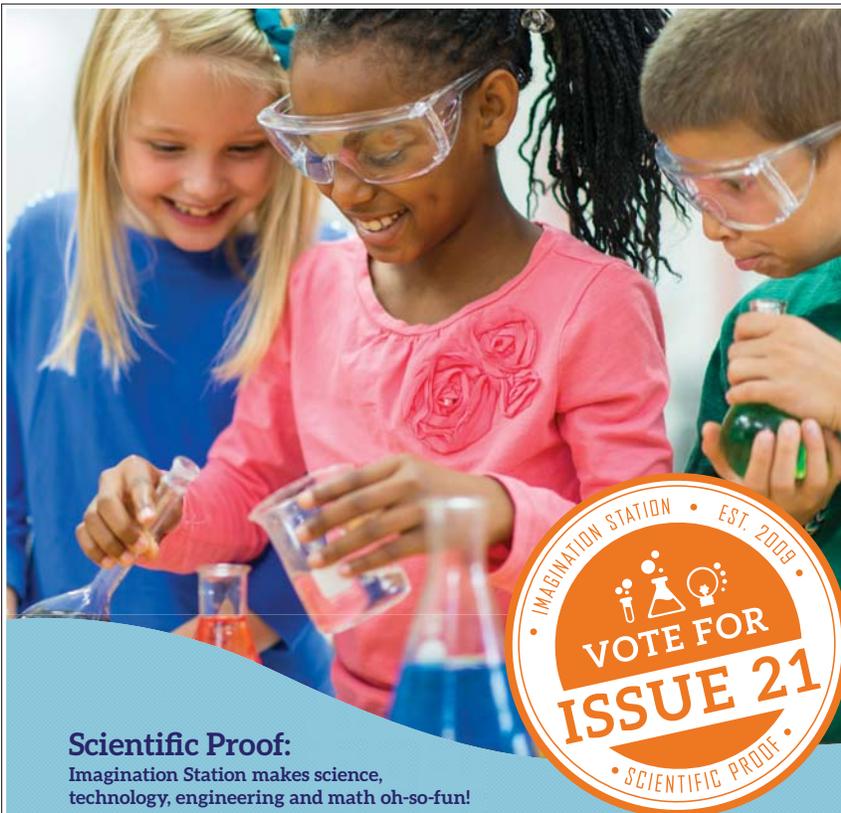
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My goal is not to condemn and I'm sure I can speak for Beth when I say our goal is to rock your consciousness to the point of having the difficult conversations that lead to understanding, that lead to action, that lead to change. We all have a part to play, this is ours.

The reality of it is that black people will continue to fight with or without the support of white people however, I can't help but wonder how much easier the battle would be if white people began to take the stand that black lives matter and stand against police brutality toward ALL people of color? How much easier would it be if white people started the boycotts or used their white privilege to challenge the injustices and violence against black people?

What would your white friends say if you asked them to take this picture with you? Are you afraid to ask? Someone needs to start the conversation.

#blacklivesmatter #takeastand #Ineedtosayit



Scientific Proof:
Imagination Station makes science, technology, engineering and math oh-so-fun!

There you have it. **Proof that Imagination Station** gets kids excited and learning about science, technology, engineering and math otherwise known as STEM. Our interactive opportunities build on what's taught in the classroom and give kids experiences that just aren't possible at their desks. Imagination Station has helped over 150,000 kids so far and is an educational partner for teachers, schools, parents and our entire community. Plus, it only costs \$5.13 for the owner of a \$100,000 home per year. **What other evidence do you need?**

VOTE FOR ISSUE 21
NOT A NEW TAX

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We Vote: The Spirit of Remembrance, Responsibility and Reclamation

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.

The TruthContributor

I can't help having a political life. And I guess this is related to my background... where to be black was to be political.

- Angela Davis



A Litany of Faith, 2016

LEADER: Blow the trumpet in Zion and tell the people that we will not go back! We will not be silent or denied the right to vote, for we have come too far by faith.

PEOPLE: We must not forget that it was Florida in 1876, where the votes were disputed, ushering in the era of poll taxes, religious and literacy tests, vigilantism, fraudulent ballot boxes and gerrymandering of districts.

LEADER: And, it was again in Florida in 2000, where tens of thousands of legally registered voters were stripped of the right to vote; more than 1 million ballots were never counted in the 2000 election and Ohio became the battleground in 2004.

PEOPLE: But then and now, the God of our weary years, the God we prayed to in faith and with hope, continues to be present in the active struggle of our people.

LEADER: We honor the NAACP and the legal genius of its attorney, Thurgood Marshall, who won a Supreme Court ruling in 1944 that white-only primaries were unconstitutional. We honor CORE, SCLC and SNCC, who with the slogan "One Man, One Vote," organized voting rights campaigns in the 1960s.

PEOPLE: We hear the cries and voices of the thousands of hopeful voters who were thrown off their land, beaten with clubs, bitten by attack dogs, burned on buses, jailed and murdered; and, saw their homes and churches bombed and burned to the ground.

LEADER: We remember thousands of little towns where countless, unnamed ancestors stood in their human dignity to cast a ballot.

PEOPLE: We hear the voice of dignity and freedom fighter Fannie Lou Hamer who said, "I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired." We honor the 1964 Freedom Summer for voter registration and the Mississippi freedom struggle.

LEADER: We remember the Selma to Montgomery March, Bloody Sunday and the Edmund Pettus Bridge and the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham where four little girls died by a bomb.

PEOPLE: The names of Emmett Till, Medgar Evers, Jimmie Lee Jackson, Addie Collins, Carole Robertson, Cynthia Wesley, Denise McNair, James Cheney, Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner and Viola Liuzzo must never be forgotten.

LEADER: We honor the legacy of Martin Luther King and Malcolm X and mass protests until the 1965 Voting Rights Act was established. We celebrate the successes and sacrifices of presidential candidates Shirley Chisholm, Jesse Jackson, and Al Sharpton.

PEOPLE: In 2008 and 2012, we said "Yes, we can, and yes we will." And, VOTE WE DID!!!

LEADER: So, until justice comes down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream, we will vote in Remembrance of our ancestors

past, for Responsibility of ourselves today; and, in Reclamation of our hope for future generations.

PEOPLE: We will remain faithful to the God of our weary years and hopeful for a brighter tomorrow for all God's people. Yes, we will exercise our right to vote and get others to do the same.

ALL: To all with ears to hear, "Let My People Vote!" In our voting, we vote for justice, for liberation and for freedom for all. We are called to follow the path of righteousness. We won't go back for we have come this far by faith. To God be the Glory for all we have witnessed and have yet to see!

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Contact Rev. Donald Perryman, D.Min, at drdlperryman@centerofhopebaptist.org

BE HERD. VOTE ZOO.

VOTE FOR ISSUE 23

Community assets make a huge impact on a city's quality of life. And one of Toledo's most vital community assets is the Toledo Zoo. In addition to providing 1,000 jobs and an enriching, educational experience for families, the Zoo also generates millions of dollars from out-of-town visitors. Show your support by voting for the Zoo's levy, a **tax reduction** from the current operating levy.

Vote FOR Issue 23 on Tuesday, November 8.

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VOTE ZOO NOV 8



Paid for by the Citizens Committee for the Zoo:
Betsy Brady and Ray Wood, Co-Chairs,
1915 Indian Wood Circle, Maumee, OH 43537

Sunday's "Souls to the Polls" Early Voting Effort

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Bishop Duane Tisdale brought almost 200 congregants from Friendship Baptist Church to the Early Voting Center after service this past Sunday – the first Sunday for early voting – and got the local "Souls to the Polls" drive off to a big start.

The congregation was lined up by 12:30 p.m. for the 1 p.m. early voting opening and up until 5 p.m., when the Center closed, churches such as St. Paul Missionary Baptist, Mt. Nebo Baptist, City of Zion, Ebenezer Baptist, Serenity Baptist, Second Baptist and New Light Church of God in Christ, to name a few, kept the flow of voters coming.

Refreshments – hot dogs, coffee and donuts – were provided just across the street by the Friendship's Civic Committee for the voters and their families and, as usual, volunteers for various issues and candidates held forth on the other side of the street from the Center passing out literature, buttons and candy.

The Civic Committee members are: Deborah Barnett, Rick Brown, Tina Butts, Olivia Holden, Andrew Kensey, Sharon Roach, LeVera Scott, Pat Snelling and Ron Wingate. James Easter provided the music.

Another "Souls to the Polls" event will take place this upcoming Sunday.



BE THE REASON HE CAN SHOOT FOR THE STARS

VOTE "YES" FOR ISSUE 20

Without voter's support, the Lucas County Children Services could lose \$10 million in helping kids who need food, clothing and qualified foster care.

LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA LOCAL 500
David Fleetwood
Business Manager

Hillary Clinton Explains Her Education Platform

In an op-ed for The Root, the Democratic presidential nominee discusses her educational plans and how they'll benefit black Americans.

This election may be the most important of our lifetimes. It will determine whether we build on President Obama's legacy to create a more just and equitable society, or let all the progress we've made get ripped away.

Every issue we care about is effectively on the ballot. That includes education. I believe it's essential to support HBCUs, which graduate almost half of the black teachers in America and have helped millions of African Americans gain a foothold in the middle class.

By contrast, Donald Trump has no plan to support HBCUs. His view of black communities is both ignorant and insulting. He says – to largely white audiences – that African-American neighborhoods are plagued by poverty, and that people get shot just walking down the street. He claims black communities suffer from “horrible education.” He asks them, “What the hell do you have to lose?”

The answer is: A lot.

For starters, Trump misses so much about what makes the African-American community strong and vibrant. If he ever bothered to actually look for it, he might see the pride that black parents feel watching their kids thrive in school, the widespread success of black-owned businesses, or the triumphs of black leaders in every field.

HBCUs are a big part of this story. Over the course of the campaign, I've visited nearly a dozen historically black schools, not just to show my support for their mission, but to shine a spotlight on many of their talented and inspiring students. In a Clinton-Kaine administration, we'd ensure that HBCUs can continue to remain a pivotal force in our society – not just for African-American students, but for all the students that attend them.

This work has never been more important. Over the past few decades, more Americans of every background have been enrolling in higher edu-

cation. But African Americans still face unique barriers when it comes to graduating college. Black students are still less likely to graduate within six years, and they are significantly more likely to need to work part-time while in school. So we need to do more to close the gaps and give all our kids the best chance to succeed.

Here's how we'll do it.

First, we'll make college much more affordable – and in many cases, we'll make it completely tuition-free. I worked with Sen. Bernie Sanders on a plan to make sure every student whose family makes under \$125,000 can attend an in-state public university tuition-free, and all students can attend community college tuition-free. And we'll work toward making sure students attending public HBCUs never have to take out loans to cover the other costs of obtaining a degree, like textbooks, activities and living expenses.

Second, we'll help graduates who are already weighed down with student debt. Since black students at any given institution are more likely to need to take out loans and graduate with more student debt than their white peers, this issue disproportionately impacts the African-American community. Our plan will let them refinance that debt, ensuring they never have to pay more than 10 percent of their income. And if they work in a public field for 10

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Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton at the ODP Legacy Dinner 2016

WE NEED THE 3/4% RENEWAL! NOT A NEW TAX



**SUPPORT
ISSUE 2!**

IF ISSUE 2 FAILS, WE ALL FAIL.

**KEEP TOLEDO
MOVING FORWARD**

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And You Should Too!

VOTE "YES" FOR ISSUE 2



David Fleetwood
Business Manager

VOTE ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016

YMCA Hosts Legislative Luncheon

Special to The Truth

The YMCA of Greater Toledo hosted a Legislative Luncheon last week in order to stay connected with local elected officials and give them a snapshot of the many ways the YMCA is living its cause in the Toledo area.

President and CEO Brad Toft said, "The YMCA of Greater Toledo and our elected officials share a mutual goal to improve the quality of life for the people in our community. The luncheon was an opportunity for the Y to share the impact stories of the work we do helping people become better individuals."

As a powerful organization in the State of Ohio, the Y provides programs that enhance the quality of life for 1.6 million Ohioans in 165 communities. The YMCA of Greater Toledo is a leader in the state, serving over 100,000 people in northwest Ohio of all ages, incomes and abilities through fitness programs, youth camps and leadership programs, swimming lessons, day care services, team sports and a number of disease prevention programs.

Those in attendance at the luncheon included Ohio Senate Representative Edna Brown (D) District 11; City of Toledo Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson; Toledo City Council members Yvonne Harper, District 4; Tom Waniewski, District 5; At-Large Council Members Rob Ludeman, Sandy Spang and Larry Sykes; and Willa Ebersole, YMCA State Lobbyist.

The luncheon fostered understanding by developing and cultivating collaborations to help individuals and strengthen our community.



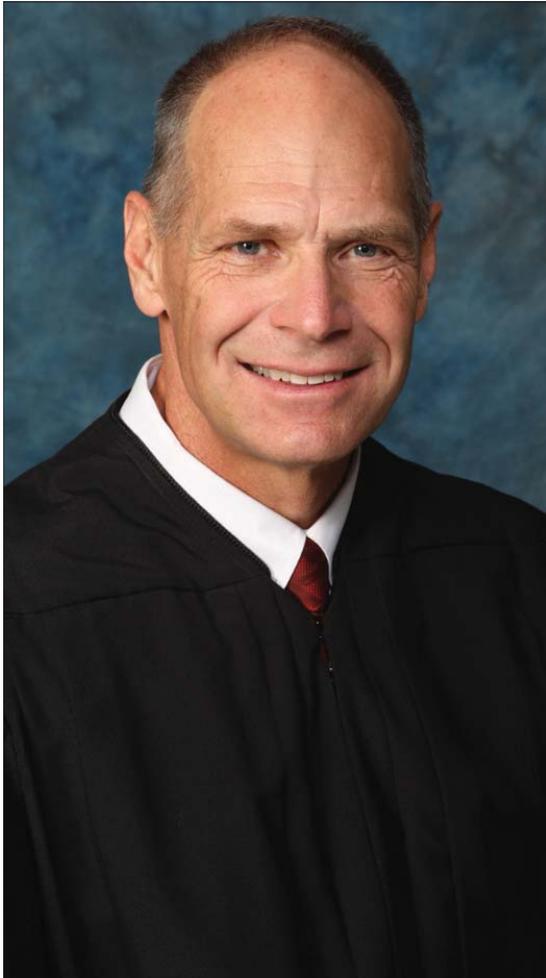
L-R - Councilman Larry Sykes, Eric Williams



L-R - Councilmember Sandi Spang; Bethany Deakins, YMCA Director of Healthy Living; Councilmember Yvonne Harper; Eric Williams, Executive Director of Wayman Palmer YMCA



L-R - State Sen. Edna Brown; Councilmen Rob Ludeman and Tom Waniewski; Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson; Willa Ebersole; CEO Brad Toft



Lucas County Common Pleas Court

Judge Gary

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for Court of Appeals



Endorsed Democrat

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Test Taking Time Again

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

Guest Column

I know...I know. Normally I like to quiz my dear readers at the end of the year so as to see how many of them are actually reading my columns and how much have they retained so as to become truly enlightened readers.

However, since so much has happened this year, I did not want to stress you out with a large unwieldy quiz at the end of the year so I thought it best to present to you a small quiz now.

I understand the pressure that many people undergo when they take quizzes so I made the questions very easy to read and comprehend so that you will feel good about yourselves and thus will want to go on to the next question.

If you miss any of the questions, simply go to the library and get the past issues of The Sojourner's Truth and re-read my columns and retake the test.

Ready? Go!

QUESTION ONE: In a column entitled, "I double dare you!" what was the gist of the column?

- (a) that you should not text and drive.
- (b) that you should return overdue library books right away.
- (c) that you should not doze off in church
- (d) that the five members of city council and the mayor need to meet in secret and formulate a five to seven year plan for progressive political and economic development for the black community and stop being scared of any political repercussions.

QUESTION TWO: When I chastise former Mayor Michael Bell, it is because:

- (a) he needs to stay out of the local bar scene and settle down.
- (b) he needs to try something other than country western line dancing.
- (c) he needs to understand his political fortunes in Lucas County are...Zip!
- (d) he utterly failed to reprimand former Mayor Finkbeiner from calling him

King Kong!...at city staff meeting thus indicating that Bell is clueless about stopping hostile racial stereotyping of black males.

QUESTION THREE: When I reprimand some of the local black clergy for their timidity in stepping forward and sharing the weekly wealth of the offering plate where they are the pastors with the black community, it is because:

(a) as black men and women they should be more conscious and educated as to the need to lend the resources of the assemblies they pastor to help a depressed economic black community.

(b) they need to release their death grip on the offering plate and start supporting programs that will revitalize their surrounding communities with a "ministry of money."

(c) they are terrified of coming together with fellow clergy and sharing ideas and "tithing" 10 percent of their weekly offerings so that they can uplift their communities.

(d) it shows that many are woefully ill prepared to engage in works of faith that will demonstrate the power of the released gospel in their surroundings.

QUESTION FOUR: When it comes to the chronic under performing Toledo Public Schools (recently receiving a score of an "F" from the Department of Education in Columbus) what or who do you think should be held responsible?

(a) systemic racial policies that still consign inner city schools to the margins as to allocation of experienced teachers and monetary resources.

(b) a superintendent who is indeed trying very hard but the slogan, "TPS Proud..." just isn't cutting it with this urban school district.

(c) parents who are not engaged as they should be in the education of their kids including attending PTA meetings, proper home environment to study

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and discipline when it comes to what they do and who they see during the school week.

(d) the students who have given up because they see no value in studying because some black idiots have called studying and achieving, "a white thing."

QUESTION FIVE: When you view the racial composition of the county and city employees who populate the judiciary system including the woeful lack of employment of minority attorneys, what is going on there?

(a) The employers use the good ol' boy system of employing their buddies and friends and could care less about employing black and brown attorneys in city and county government jobs.

(b) The powers that be, unless they are forced to, do not want to hire people who do not look like them. It is a closed system and they like it that way.

(c) The employment system is "rigged" and if you are not white, your chances of employment as an attorney are practically nil.

(d) Since most jobs for lawyers are not posted or known to the public, the inherently unfair hiring practices including the Public Defender's Office and the county prosecutor's office and the city law department can continue and no one is the wiser.

QUESTION SIX: What is a stratagem that you would approve of in order to get Toledo out of a mid 1950's attitude or mindset when it comes to fair hiring policies and practices?

(a) Call for a dialogue with the powers that be and demand fair hiring and an end to their current nonsensical attitude of, "we can't find qualified minorities!"

(b) Select a certain flagrant employer and stage a sit in their offices with the media in attendance.

(c) File a class action lawsuit against the city and county for disparate hiring practices which is seen in the miniscule numbers of minorities being hired in city, county and state positions.

(d) Tell the Democratic fat-cats who control the city hiring practices to open up the hiring process or face consequences at the ballot box.

As you can surmise, Toledo has a gritty problem to solve and by all indications, our elected officials are mum on this problem and they hope that you will not challenge them to step up and say something because being politically and economically organized other than they getting re-elected is not their strong point!

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years, we'll simplify the process for forgiving those loans altogether.

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This has to be more than just a public-policy issue. It has to be a voting issue.

I began my career at the Children's Defense Fund, working to help children with disabilities get the education they deserved and going undercover to expose segregated academies in the South. I worked for a remarkable woman named Marian Wright Edelman, who said that "education is a precondition to survival in America."

Today, those words ring as true as ever. We ought to make it a national priority to provide a quality education to every single American – no matter what they look like, where they live or how much money they have. That's the only way to make sure the next generation not only survives, but thrives, in the global economy.

So, on Nov. 8, I hope you'll stand with us. Vote for the kind of country we want to be. And remember that all it takes is a small mark on a ballot to make a huge mark on our nation's future.



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The Elephant in the Room

By Carla Thomas

The Truth Contributor

Ever since we met, three years ago, Beth Collins and I have always had this, as she puts it, "synchronistic vibe." So when I texted her several weeks ago to say: "You've been on my mind, let's connect." It didn't surprise me when she responded: "I literally just spoke your name to someone less than an hour ago. Say when!"

Unbeknownst to each other, we've both been feeling the same type of way. From the police murders of unarmed black people, the controversy over Colin Kaepernick kneeling during the National Anthem to the unprecedented support of racist presidential candidate, Donald Trump, a huge elephant has been in the room.

Our purpose for getting together was not to discuss any of these issues, we get together for food, conversation and girl talk, however our "synchronistic vibe" took us there and I'm so glad it did.

So, let me be honest!

Truthfully speaking, I've found myself disheartened, disgusted and annoyed with white people who call themselves my friends or who profess to care about me but who show more anger and compassion over a gorilla being killed than when unarmed black people are killed. Or who don't understand why it's offensive to me as a black person when they condemn Kaepernick for kneel-



ing during the national anthem but are not bothered by the injustices that provoked his stance, or how they can support Donald Trump in ANY capacity knowing his racist views but more specifically, why it's offensive to me as a black person when they say "All Lives Matter" in response to "Black Lives Matter".

We live, work and even socialize with

each other and yet will not discuss these issues out of fear and lack of comfort, so the elephant just stays in the room, stays on our jobs, stays in our churches and in our social settings.

I agree 100 percent with Beth when she says we need to have the conversations. She also expressed how she feels SHE needs to say "Black Lives Matter" because, as a white person, her white voice matters on the subject of race. In her words, "It matters because so many of us were taught that black lives don't matter, so it's not enough to say "All Lives Matter" - right now.

For a while, and as long as it takes, we have to make sure black lives are included in the "all lives."

I can do that by saying it, pointing it out, and including it in my conversations. That seems as important as anything else I can do on this subject. Black lives matter, I have to say it. (#takeastand)

I also love what the founders of Ben & Jerry's Ice cream said in their support of Black Lives Matter; *"Choosing to be silent in the face of such injustice is not an option. We've come to understand that to be silent about the violence and threats to the lives and well-being of black people is to be complicit in that violence and those threats."*

I will find any excuse for a photo shoot and saw this as the perfect opportunity to express myself through my two passions, photography and writing, and asked Beth if she'd be willing to take a photo with me. She replied, "Yes, as long as I can wear the Black Lives Matter t-shirt because 'I need to say it.'"

I can hear the critics now saying actions speak louder than words or talk is cheap, anybody can pose for a picture. Well let me remind you that a picture is worth a thousand words. Some of you are too afraid to post a #blacklivesmatter hash tag let alone a picture of yourself wearing the t-shirt.

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Sigma Gamma Rho Holds Area 3 Meeting

By Tricia Hall

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Members of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated held their Area 3 meeting in Toledo, Saturday, October 15, 2016 at Promedica's Donald Kellermeyer Education Center. The one-day series of professional development workshops, program development trainings and sorority news also included two local service projects.

Attendees were asked to bring actual dimes for March of Dimes, which were collected at registration. Also the sorority's youth affiliate, the Rhoer Club, prepared meals and provided service hours at Ronald McDonald House of NW Ohio.

"Sigma Gamma Rho is known for the service we provide and this meeting is constructed to give the membership tools and resources needed to meet their needs," said Regional Director Delia A Harris.

An estimated 200 sorority women, Philo Affiliate members and Rhoer Club members travelled from various cities including: Akron, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Chicago, Columbus, and Detroit.

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