



Free Ohio Now
Fighting the New Normal
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The Honorable Frank LaRose
Ohio Secretary of State Office
22 N. 4th Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Mr. Secretary,

Thank you for all you are doing to support fair and free elections in Ohio on November 3, 2020. As you are no doubt acutely aware, Ohioans are deeply divided politically, and it is critical there be a valid election process for the November 3 election all Ohioans can have faith in, whether their candidate wins or losses. For the vote to be fully valid, in-person election day voting must be included.

As a way to demonstrate the broad and popular support for voting in-person on election day, Free Ohio Now organized over 40 'Vote In-person on November 3' rallies in counties throughout the state on two Saturday's in August, 2020. The rallies attracted over 800 participants who took time from their busy lives to do their civic duty to ensure Ohio has fair and free elections including in-person voting on election day. It is also important to note, many of these rallies occurred despite the discomfort of standing outside in temperatures which were over 90 degrees!

Not only did the rallies attract a large number of participants, the feedback received from those who saw the rallies was overwhelmingly positive! It is estimated at least 90% of the honks, thumbs-up and other communications from the other Ohioans who drove by were positive and strongly in support of having in-person voting on election day. A conservative estimate is the 40 rallies around the state generated over 250,000 impressions across both days, equating to over 2% of Ohio's population. This spontaneous, positive feedback for in-person voting cannot be ignored.

From news accounts and public statements, you have indicated Ohio needs 35,000 poll workers to operate the 4,000 polling locations on election day, and that you will provide status on which counties do not having enough poll workers. Using the status information you will provide, Free Ohio Now will actively support the cause of fair and free elections by helping to recruit people in counties where poll workers are needed for November 3.

It is impossible to predict what will happen regarding the Coronavirus between now and November 3, but the thousands of Free Ohio Now supporters fully back you in refuting other elected and appointed Ohio officials who may want to prevent in-person voting on November 3, as they did regarding the March 17, 2020 election. It is critical you uphold your independent constitutional duties to ensure fair and free elections, and law-abiding and freedom loving Ohioans will strongly back you!

Should you or your staff have any questions regarding the August rallies, please contact me at freeohionow88@gmail.com or at 216-650-7607.

Sincerely,

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