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Clintonville Area Commission Election Committee: Announcement of Candidates

The Election Committee of the Clintonville Area Commission is proud to announce the certified petition and write-in candidates for the 2016 election.

In District 3, the candidate is current commissioner Libby Wetherholt. Ms. Wetherholt is a life-long resident of Franklin County. She earned her bachelor's of music education and master of arts degrees from The Ohio State University. She spent her career as an intervention specialist for Dublin City Schools.

Ms. Wetherholt and her husband Karl have been Clintonville residents since 1985 and raised their son and daughter here. Both of their children attended Clinton Elementary and Clintonville Academy. Ms. Wetherholt currently supervises student teachers for Ashland University. She is very active at Broad Street Presbyterian Church. Other volunteer activities include serving on a board at COSI and with her college fraternity and being a member at the Clintonville Woman's Club.

The District 6 candidate is current commissioner Randy Ketchum. Mr. Ketchum was born in Clintonville and has lived here since continuously since 1981. He is widowed with an adult son who is a Lutheran pastor in northwest Ohio.

Mr. Ketchum has a college degree in journalism with a specialization in public relations. He worked as a public relations staff specialist at Rockefeller Center, Inc., New York City, but spent the majority of his professional career directing public relations for Children's Hospital in Columbus. In addition to the Clintonville Area Commission, his other community interests include the Kiwanis Club of Northern Columbus, Clinton Heights Lutheran Church, and volunteering for the Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resources Center

Christopher J. Allwein, a write-in candidate, resides in District 8 with his wife, Elisabeth, and their three children. They are life-long residents of Columbus and have lived in Clintonville since 2002.

Mr. Allwein is an energy and utility law attorney. He is an of counsel at the law firm of Kegler Brown Hill & Ritter and has been recently named the Executive Director of Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy, a non-profit that advocates for affordable energy policies for moderate and low-income Ohioans. Mr. Allwein has a bachelor's degree in history from The Ohio State University and graduated from Capital University Law School in 2009.

Residents of Districts 3, 6, and 8 may cast ballots at Whetstone Library on Saturday, May 7 from 10am to 2pm. Early voting will occur on Tuesday, May 3, at Whetstone Library from 5:30pm to 8pm.

Questions regarding the election may be directed to Peter Niswander, the chair of the Election Committee. He can be contacted at 614.832.9940 or peterniswander@gmail.com.