

CLARK COUNTY, OHIO  
WOMEN'S ISSUES NETWORK  
**WIN VICTORY**



2020 General Election  
Courageous  
Candidate Profile

One of the Clark County Women's Issues Network's (WIN) goals is to help voters make informed decisions as they cast their vote. To facilitate this objective, WIN invited 2020 General Election candidates to tell us about themselves, their candidacy, and their goals. Below is the information received from this candidate.

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**PLEASE TELL US:**

**1. Your name as it will appear on the ballot:**

Michelle R. Harris

**2. The office for which you are running:**

County Treasurer

**3. Why you are running for this office:**

**I am running for Clark County Treasurer because I believe that Clark County residents deserve to have a treasurer that has extensive experience successfully managing multi-**

**million dollar portfolios, someone who has the best interest of our taxpayers at heart.**

**During this time of so much chaos, I bring a level of stability to this office that no other candidate can:** For over 18 years, I have successfully completed the an annual collection of real estate taxes and manufactured home taxes, done the daily and monthly reconciliation of all accounts with the county's depository account and acted as the county's investment officer. As your treasurer, **I will continue to provide stellar service to you** using my years of experience and professionalism to perform the duties of this office.

**Rest assured, as your treasurer, I work hard for you.**

#### **4. What makes you the best candidate for this office:**

**I am honored that I was appointed Clark County Treasurer** on April 6, 2020 to fill the unexpired term of Stephen T. Metzger who retired on April 3, 2020, being officially **appointed by the Clark County Democratic Party** on June 3 to fill his remaining term.

Prior to my appointment as Treasurer, **I worked directly with Steve Metzger as his Clark County Deputy Treasurer. I have 18 years of expertise--learning from the best (Steve)--**in overseeing the investment portfolio and all mortgage real estate tax payments. I developed the current credit card system that is used in the Treasurer's office. I serve as the investment officer for the county and am responsible for an average portfolio of \$130 million. As your treasurer, I currently serve and will continue to serve you on various boards:

- Data Processing Board
- Investment Advisory Board
- Board of Revision and Budget Commission

**I am also a member of the County Treasurer's Association of Ohio** which allows me to learn about and keep up-to-date on important information that affects all Clark County residents. .

#### **5. What are your credentials and qualifications for the office you are seeking:**

**I have extensive experience working in the treasurer's office as the deputy treasurer and**

was **mentored by Steve Metzger**. I am proud that Steve thought so highly of my skills that he recommended me as his replacement and is my campaign manager.

I also bring to the table an **AS-Business degree** that I earned from our local Clark State Community College and worked hard to complete the **Center for Public Investment Management (CPIM) hours**.

**6. WIN is dedicated to creating a progressive future for Clark County Ohio women, our families, and our community. WIN welcomes diverse opinions and promotes inclusive, just outcomes** insofar as policies, laws, treatment, equal access, and more. WIN promotes **stable, evenhanded, fair, welcoming leaders** who will work with us to **create family, community, and national opportunities for all—not just a selected few**—no matter one’s age, race, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, station in life or wealth. Taking WIN’s foundational objectives as stated above into consideration, **what are the three most important goals you plan to focus on as you campaign and when you are elected:**

**I will focus on providing fairness to everyone the treasurer's office serves and on preserving the dignity of the treasurer's office.** Internally, **I will continue to be a leader staff can count on** to support their continuing education goals (which benefits Clark County residents) and to provide time off for staff to meet family responsibilities and healthcare needs. In other words, I will work with the staff in the treasurer's office to keep morale high so we can better service our residents. Also, as an elected official I will have the opportunity to attend events and meetings that influence issues that are important to our community. I believe this will offer additional opportunities for me to **add my voice as well as to draw attention to issues that are of concern to our community:** human trafficking, childcare, child abuse, hungry children, supporting Pride, and fighting racism. And, **I believe in giving back**, so I plan to to speak to young women, especially young mothers, to share my path to office to hopefully inspire them into thinking that they, too, can and should run for office.

**7. WIN members may want to help on your campaign. Whom should be contacted (please provide the name of the person, their phone number, and their email address) and please let us know what type of help you need:**

**Please contact me, Michelle Harris, at 937-215-1468 or [mruttharris@gmail.com](mailto:mruttharris@gmail.com).** It would be

great if you could help identify sign locations, make phone calls, and wear my campaign t-shirt as much as possible, and more. There is always something to do and I welcome your help!

**8. Feel free to share any additional information you think is pertinent about you and/or your candidacy:**

- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/MichelleRHarris2020>