



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.

Ballard
For Ohio Senate 10th District

Charles Ballard
Ohio State Senate, 10th District Candidate

PLEASE TELL US:

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

Charles Ballard

2. The office for which you are running:

Ohio Senate, 10th District

3. Why you are running for this office:

I am running because I believe government has a responsibility to serve the needs of the people. My military and life experiences taught me that leaders must make a commitment to leadership that benefits the many, not just the few.

As a leader, I have **lived and truly practiced these values**; and as your state senator, rest assured, I will carry on this long tradition while in service to you. **I will work to make a difference as that voice for the people in Ohio's 10th Senate District.**

I am a **lifelong Democrat** and have supported other Democrats seeking office. I **champion the human spirit** and will constantly strive for opportunities that lead Ohio's citizens to success.

I am running because I want to make things better than they are right now; and I am confident that I have what it takes to get the job done. As a husband, father, veteran, and entrepreneur, I have the **well-rounded personal, community, and professional experiences and values** that make me worthy of being your state senator.

Finally, I am running because, with your vote for me, **we will change Ohio and our district for the better!**

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

I spent much of my adult life defending America. I enlisted in the **U.S. Air Force** at the age of 17 after graduating from Armstrong High School in Richmond, Virginia.

I proudly served 21 years defending our nation and our Constitution. After leaving military service, I worked hard to **attain my bachelor's degree** in liberal arts. After serving in the military and achieving my college degree, I worked as a **government contractor at Wright Patterson AFB** before opening **my own business** with my wife in Greene County.

I know about life and what families go through every day. I have been married to my wife, Joyce, for 24 years and have two wonderful children, Kaylee and Nicholas. **I understand that relationships are important, be these in the family, in our professional life, or in our personal life. As your state senator for the 10th District, I will use these strengths to help our district and all of Ohio.**

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

While I am a **life-long Democrat**, I know that our senate district is in dire need of a leader **who will work for all of us**, not just pander to special interests or special groups. **I am that leader.**

My military experience drilled into me that the goal was for ALL OF US to survive and thrive. We need a leader in the senate who understands this basic concept and has the experience and know-how to get the job done for this district and all of Ohio. **I am that leader.**

My business ownership experience provided the opportunity for me to work with and to get to know people from many walks of life. This allowed me to expand my knowledge of business, community, and human needs--knowledge your leader in the state senate needs to successfully represent you. **I am that leader.**

District 10 needs a leader who will bring the credentials and qualifications I earned to this senate office; **a leader who believes in and will work hard for you, our community, our state, and our country. I am that leader.**

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:**

Given the times, **I believe that COVID will take up most of my focus** because that issue alone deals with **addressing medical accessibility and affordability issues, ensuring there is viable access to an equitable education for all the children in Senate District 10, and creating living-wage jobs that promote and respect the dignity of work and workers.**

Other issues on my radar as your state senator include:

***The Environment:**

- I am committed to preserving Ohio's natural resources for the benefit of

future generations and the wellness of everyone in our communities.

***Education:**

I believe our children deserve the right to a good education and the prosperity that this offers, including:

- Affordable loans for State, Community, and Technical College tuition.
- Updating public school infrastructure across the state, replacing buildings where needed.
- Smaller class sizes to encourage personal development.
- Support for year-round schools.
- Guaranteed cost of living adjustments for faculty and staff.
- Programs that motivate our children to become critical thinkers and lifelong learners.

***Affordable Health Care:**

- I will demand an end to corporate healthcare greed and support Medicare expansion while closing the financial voids challenging all of Ohio's citizens.

***Economic Opportunities:**

- I support State programs that encourage business and industry-- opportunities that will offer more than a living wage and will position Ohio as the next Silicon Valley.

***Women's Health Care Rights:**

- I believe that government has no business legislating health concerns between a woman and her doctors. Women should have access to all medically approved procedures. I would leave it up to each patient, their doctor, and their religious preference to choose a path that works for them

without interference or harassment by the government.

***LGBTQ Rights:**

- I will never support or endorse any legislation that infringes on the rights of any citizen.

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.

- Charles Ballard: charlesballardohio2020@gmail.com
- Contribute: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/friends-of-charlie-ballard-1#>
- Volunteer: <https://www.charlesballard2020.com/volunteer>

8. Feel free to share any additional information you think is pertinent about you and/or your candidacy such as your links to your website and/or Facebook:

The GOP, in all facets of government, has lost their way. **Senate District 10 needs a change for the better.** It will take time; and **working together** and staying focused, we can do it! We **CAN** be a district, a state, and a country that **IS** inclusive, productive, and successful!

- Website: <https://www.charlesballard2020.com/issues>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CharlesBallardOhio/>

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