



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.

GET AHEAD WITH TED!

Write-in Democrat Candidate

TED MCCLLENEN

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE 74TH DISTRICT

Write in my name on the line provided

IMPORTANT: Completely **fill in the oval next to my name**



Ted McClenen

State Representative, 74th District Candidate

PLEASE TELL US:

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

I am a **write-in** candidate.

Voters in the 74th District now have the choice to
vote for a Democrat by **writing in** my name on the line provided:

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2. The office for which you are running:

State Representative, 74th District. Are you in my district or **Cynthia Richards**, State Rep. 79th District candidate's, district? Find out here:

<https://tinyurl.com/y2verp3a>

3. Why you are running for this office:

I am running for several reasons, including **because voters deserve a choice at the voting booth** as to whether they want the same old one-party, the Republicans, making all the decisions and all the rules. Right now—and it has been this way for too long—**61 out of the 99 state rep seats are held by Republicans.**

I don't know about you, but I don't call this stacked deck balanced, fair or representative. And, I don't think this is the type of government make-up our founding fathers and mothers had in mind when they gave their all to create our great nation and later on, the state of Ohio. If they had wanted one group to rule everyone, I believe they would have come right out and said so and not **put so much effort and sacrifice into creating a Democracy that is supposed to have checks and balances. Because there are only 38 Democrats in the Ohio House, Republicans know that they don't have to negotiate.** If they want something passed, there is little if anything anyone—let alone the 38 Democrat reps—can do to stop them.

Folks, this just isn't right. Before decisions are made that affect our very lives and livelihoods, **there should be healthy debate and due consideration of the opinions and values of this district's diverse constituents,** especially about important bread-and-butter issues such as healthcare, education, safety, housing, food security, senior citizen issues, workers' rights, and so much more.

Adding a Democrat to the 74th District is a good start toward **restoring checks and balances** to our Ohio government. **The voters in the 74th District deserve nothing less. Let's work together to turn Ohio true blue!**

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

I am the best candidate because throughout my life, **I have worked hard to help every-day people to get ahead, no matter your race, gender, education, religion, etc.;** and, I have held many leadership positions where I worked (and still work) with people from all backgrounds to make our communities a bit better for everyone, no matter who you are.

Often, this work involves ensuring there were fair, even-handed outcomes that come about **because there is a balance of power**, meaning that **instead of just one group getting their way—and only their way—we all come to the negotiation table where other points of view and ideas are respected and considered**, then we make decisions.

Folks, this type of governing and decision-making works! You'd be surprised what you can learn **when you are willing to work with others to understand their lives, their needs, their reasons, and their values instead of thinking only your one way is what is best for everyone.** To me, working together and being welcoming is what it is all about. **And, I've noticed that better, fairer decisions are made when a diverse group of folks are welcomed at the decision-making table.**

As your State Rep, I will use the talents I've developed over the years and from the College of Life **to make sure that more voices and values are taken into consideration when important decisions about our lives are considered and**

made.

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

For the record, I have a lot of experience working with people in our area from all walks of life. I was a member of the **Clark County Board of Elections** from 1998 to 2017 and was its Board Chairman from 2000 to 2017. I was a member of the **Clark County United Way Admissions & Allocations Committee** from 1999-2003 and was on the **United Way Labor Relations Committee** from 1996 to 2000.

As a member of the **Community Labor Support Coalition** (1997-2007), I worked with several different labor organizations to further the rights of workers and increase safety in the workplace for everyday working people. I have served as a member of the **Clark County Human Services Planning Board**, (currently **Clark County Job and Family Services Planning Council**) from 1996 to 2019 in the capacity of Vice Chair (1999- 2005) and as Council Chair (2006-2019). And, I served our local United Auto Workers (UAW) retirees as the **Chair of the UAW Springfield Retiree Council (1999-2002)**. I became a member of the **UAW Community Action Program (CAP Council)** in 1986 and am proud to still be a member, serving as the CAP Council chair 1998-1999.

I previously ran for office and **was elected to serve as a trustee for Harmony Township**, Clark County from 1993 to 1997. In addition, I was **elected to the United Auto Workers Local 402 Executive Board** where I served for 15 years from 1984 to 1999. I was also the **Chair of the UAW Trustees** from 1987 to 1999.

I am a life-long Democrat. I have a long history of community service, working with people from all walks of life as well as a successful track record

of winning elections and helping others to run and win their elections.

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:**

1. **Wages:** Let's be honest with ourselves: **Who can live on \$8.55 per hour, Ohio's minimum wage?** Personally, I think all of our current elected leaders should try to live on \$342 per week (\$8.55 x 40 hours), minus taxes and any benefits deducted from your pay. A lot of us know—**and our elected leaders SHOULD KNOW**—that their constituents are and have been suffering because of low wages. And, that's not all, many workers cannot even get 40 hours a week, so the \$342 per week is the high end of pay. Minimum wage isn't our only problem. **Decent living wages AND realistic benefits, including healthcare and bereavement leave during a pandemic are also on my radar.**
2. **Workers:** There has been such a rollback on workers rights. **I will actively fight for the dignity of work**, including ensuring that employees should not have to sign mandatory arbitration agreements just to be employed. Mandatory arbitration without the right to appeal to court hides wrongdoing by employers and also **takes away a constitutional right of having a court hear a matter.** I will work to put a stop to passing laws that hurt workers, their families, and, in turn, our communities. And, don't think that we do not all know that a lot of employers are **turning a blind eye to and**

are using various forms of intimidation on employees. We KNOW that many employees are working overtime and not getting paid because the job market is so tight, thanks to the way this pandemic has been mismanaged at the highest level of our government. Workers should be paid for ALL the hours they work.

3. **Welcoming diversity:** Right now, folks, we just don't have this in Ohio. **Republicans control the state house, the state senate, the governorship, and the state supreme court. How is this balanced and fair government** when only one party's points of view are considered when laws are made or interpreted?? **It's not. How does this provide Ohioans with checks and balances? It doesn't.** Electing a Democrat in the 74th District will help to restore the checks and balances we are supposed to have in this state.

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.

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Like John Hancock did so many years ago when he signed the Declaration of Independence:

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Let's take back our country and communities, one district at a time!

Let's turn Ohio **true blue!**

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