

County Auditor Candidates 2026 Questionnaire

Dayton Branch NAACP — Candidate Priority Questionnaire

Instructions: Please select the response that most closely reflects your position on each issue. These questions are intended to help voters understand your priorities and proposed approach to serving the citizens of Montgomery County, Ohio as County Auditor.

The respondent's email (**TammyMurphyforAuditor@gmail.com**) was recorded on submission of this form.

Email *

TammyMurphyforAuditor@gmail.com

Candidate First Name

Tammy

Candidate Last Name

Murphy

Property Tax Relief & Homeowner Protection

Montgomery County homeowners—particularly seniors and homeowners with disabilities—can face significant property-tax burdens. Which approach would you support as County Auditor to provide tax relief and protect homeowners?

- ☐ Permanently expand the Homestead Exemption for eligible seniors and homeowners with disabilities.
- ☐ Expand homeowner education and assistance so eligible residents better understand and access existing tax-relief programs.
- ☐ Pursue a combination of expanded tax-relief programs and improved outreach to ensure eligible homeowners receive available benefits.
- ☐ Maintain current tax-relief programs while focusing on other methods of reducing the overall property-tax burden.

☒ Other:

We have to address the Homestead Exemption and EXPAND this to benefit more of our Seniors and Disabled, it should also include our First Responders and Military without an income limitation so that more are covered under this exemption. Those aging and disabled people who want to remain in their home may need the assistance of other family members and by having the low "household" cap to income many are not EXCLUDED from this benefit. And if property values have gone up 4x or more from when this was started at a benefit of waiver to the first \$28,000 - \$41,000 of property value - then it is clearly outdated. It should be a COMPLETE WAIVER of property taxes when meeting the age / disability / first responder / military qualification.

Property Values & Assessment Accuracy

Property valuations affect homeowners' property taxes and the fairness of the county's tax base. What approach would you support to improve the accuracy and fairness of property valuations in Montgomery County?

- ☐ Increase the frequency and use of data reviews to ensure property values reflect current market conditions.
- ☐ Strengthen the process for homeowners to review, question, and appeal their property valuations.
- ☐ Modernize assessment technology and data systems to improve the accuracy of property valuations.
- ☐ Use a combination of updated data, technology, and stronger homeowner assistance to improve assessment accuracy.

☒ Other:

Overhaul the system: We should not be chasing a value with a changing market. If the purchase price is the valid basis for property tax, then a flat rate can be determined for our County / by municipalities and school districts if needed and that does not change until the property is sold. People NEED a fixed monthly mortgage which includes that property tax base for the services we want and expect to pay our fair share. Levies and additional assessments then are charged OUTSIDE the value of the home as voted on by the people. This moves to a "real-time" setting with the potential of a tax at the sale and purchase of a home to allow the base to be stabilized. Modernize and strengthen the process for homeowners is a must but making it affordable and not a moving target that is taxing the unrealized gains of the people. We need to reward the homeownership factor.

Consumer Protection & Pricing Accuracy

The County Auditor has responsibilities related to pricing accuracy and consumer protection at retail establishments. Which approach would you support to protect Montgomery County consumers from inaccurate pricing and deceptive pricing practices?

- ☐ Increase inspections and enforcement when retailers fail to accurately display or charge advertised prices.
- ☐ Strengthen consumer education so residents know how to identify and report pricing violations.
- ☐ Increase penalties or corrective measures for businesses that repeatedly violate pricing-accuracy requirements.
- ☒ Combine stronger inspections, consumer education, and enforcement to improve pricing accuracy.
- ☐ Other: _____

Consumer Protection & Gas Pump Skimmers

Credit-card skimmers at gas pumps can expose consumers to financial fraud. Which approach would you support as County Auditor to prevent and detect gas pump skimming

- ☐ Increase the frequency of inspections of fuel pumps for illegal skimming devices.
- ☐ Expand technology and monitoring used to identify potential skimmers.
- ☐ Increase coordination with law enforcement and gas station operators to identify and remove skimming devices.
- ☐ Combine inspections, technology, public education, and partnerships with law enforcement and fuel retailers.

☒ Other:

If this has truly been added as a responsibility of the Auditors office - then when the inspection is performed for pump accuracy, a verification of the lock system and card reader would need to also be performed/ Placing a seal and indicating that inspection for consumers to see is important - but continued monitoring would also be needed. There would need to be an Increased coordination with law enforcement and gas station operators as well as increasing the frequency of inspections.

Fiscal Stewardship, Transparency & Customer Service

The County Auditor is responsible for significant financial, property, and public-record functions that affect Montgomery County residents. Which approach would you support to strengthen fiscal stewardship, government transparency, and responsive customer service?

- ☐ Modernize online systems so residents can more easily access financial, property, and public information.
- ☐ Increase transparency regarding the management and safeguarding of taxpayer funds.
- ☐ Improve customer-service response times and expand assistance for residents navigating Auditor's Office services.
- ☐ Pursue a comprehensive approach that combines fiscal accountability, modernized transparency tools, and improved customer service.
- ☒ Other:
ALL of these efforts are needed to modernize the online systems, increase the level of transparency to include being on the Ohio Checkbook system Ohio has implemented that gives an easy way for taxpayers to see where the funds go and how money is spent. Critically important is to improve the customer service responses and availability and to ensure a person ANSWERS THE CALLS. A comprehensive approach overall and a full review of current processes to make the necessary changes to BETTER this Fiscal Oversight for the People of Montgomery Count.

This content is neither created nor endorsed by Google.

Google Forms

County Auditor Candidates 2026 Questionnaire

Dayton Branch NAACP — Candidate Priority Questionnaire

Instructions: Please select the response that most closely reflects your position on each issue. These questions are intended to help voters understand your priorities and proposed approach to serving the citizens of Montgomery County, Ohio as County Auditor.

The respondent's email (**karlkeith@woh.rr.com**) was recorded on submission of this form.

Email *

karlkeith@woh.rr.com

Candidate First Name

Karl

Candidate Last Name

Keith

Property Tax Relief & Homeowner Protection

Montgomery County homeowners—particularly seniors and homeowners with disabilities—can face significant property-tax burdens. Which approach would you support as County Auditor to provide tax relief and protect homeowners?

- ☐ Permanently expand the Homestead Exemption for eligible seniors and homeowners with disabilities.
- ☐ Expand homeowner education and assistance so eligible residents better understand and access existing tax-relief programs.
- ☒ Pursue a combination of expanded tax-relief programs and improved outreach to ensure eligible homeowners receive available benefits.
- ☐ Maintain current tax-relief programs while focusing on other methods of reducing the overall property-tax burden.
- ☐ Other: _____

Property Values & Assessment Accuracy

Property valuations affect homeowners' property taxes and the fairness of the county's tax base. What approach would you support to improve the accuracy and fairness of property valuations in Montgomery County?

- ☐ Increase the frequency and use of data reviews to ensure property values reflect current market conditions.
- ☐ Strengthen the process for homeowners to review, question, and appeal their property valuations.
- ☐ Modernize assessment technology and data systems to improve the accuracy of property valuations.
- ☒ Use a combination of updated data, technology, and stronger homeowner assistance to improve assessment accuracy.
- ☐ Other: _____

Consumer Protection & Pricing Accuracy

The County Auditor has responsibilities related to pricing accuracy and consumer protection at retail establishments. Which approach would you support to protect Montgomery County consumers from inaccurate pricing and deceptive pricing practices?

- ☐ Increase inspections and enforcement when retailers fail to accurately display or charge advertised prices.
- ☐ Strengthen consumer education so residents know how to identify and report pricing violations.
- ☐ Increase penalties or corrective measures for businesses that repeatedly violate pricing-accuracy requirements.
- ☒ Combine stronger inspections, consumer education, and enforcement to improve pricing accuracy.
- ☐ Other: _____

Consumer Protection & Gas Pump Skimmers

Credit-card skimmers at gas pumps can expose consumers to financial fraud. Which approach would you support as County Auditor to prevent and detect gas pump skimming

- ☐ Increase the frequency of inspections of fuel pumps for illegal skimming devices.
- ☐ Expand technology and monitoring used to identify potential skimmers.
- ☐ Increase coordination with law enforcement and gas station operators to identify and remove skimming devices.
- ☒ Combine inspections, technology, public education, and partnerships with law enforcement and fuel retailers.
- ☐ Other: _____

Fiscal Stewardship, Transparency & Customer Service

The County Auditor is responsible for significant financial, property, and public-record functions that affect Montgomery County residents. Which approach would you support to strengthen fiscal stewardship, government transparency, and responsive customer service?

- ☐ Modernize online systems so residents can more easily access financial, property, and public information.
- ☐ Increase transparency regarding the management and safeguarding of taxpayer funds.
- ☐ Improve customer-service response times and expand assistance for residents navigating Auditor's Office services.
- ☒ Pursue a comprehensive approach that combines fiscal accountability, modernized transparency tools, and improved customer service.
- ☐ Other: _____

This content is neither created nor endorsed by Google.

Google Forms