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### OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL RACE

# Meet Democratic candidates

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For the first time in eight years, Ohioans will pick a new attorney general to act as the state's top law enforcement officer and head of the largest public interest law firm in the state.

Republicans are expected to nominate Keith Faber, who has been state auditor since 2019.

In the May primary, Democrats will pick either former state representative



Forhan



Kulewicz

Elliot Forhan or retired Vorys partner John Kulewicz to be the party nominee for attorney general.

Attorney General Dave Yost cannot

run for reelection due to term limits.

The attorney general represents state agencies, pension funds and public colleges and universities, investigates and prosecutes charity fraud and Medicaid fraud, and operates the peace officers' training academy, state crime labs and the Bureau of Criminal Investigation. The attorney general can also join multi-state lawsuits on behalf of Ohio.

Early voting for the May 5 primary starts April 7.

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## 'We could do better'

### Perry Township road levy, other Stark issues on May 5 ballot

**Steven M. Grazier**  
 Massillon Independent | USA TODAY NETWORK

PERRY TWP. – Tony and Toni Marmon are not fans of how their neighborhood street looks or feels while driving.

The couple have lived in the 600 block of Tanya Avenue NW for 31 years, and said their street has been paved twice since moving into the area. Both are fed up with the current condition.

"They (Perry Township officials) can't come up with the money for roads," said Tony, who voted for Perry's most recent road levy in November 2025. "Hopefully they come up with something."

Perry officials are seeking a five-year, 2.9-mill road levy at May 5 primary election — the township's fifth try for a road tax since spring 2024.

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**Multiple income tax levies in the May 5 primary election are aimed to help fund municipal and village road operations and improvements.** INDEONLINE.COM/FILE PHOTO

**"It's our duty to put this (levy) back on (the ballot), and try to get the job done."**

**Ralph DeChiara Jr.**  
 Perry Township Trustee

## Outsiders help ease U.S.-Iran tensions

Different motives drive Pakistan, China to get involved in negotiations

**Kim Hjelmgaard**  
 USA TODAY

A knot of defiant actors – three of them talked off a geopolitical cliff's edge at the 11th hour.

One peacemaker-nation trying to end a war on its border while fighting another. A second one, a major world power with no Middle East military footprint that views economic leverage against the United States as a strategic priority.

April 7 began with President Donald Trump making a widely criticized threat to destroy Iran's "whole civilization" unless it agreed to stop a war that

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