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Brad Frick hosted the Ohio House of Representatives District 24 Candidates Forum.

Brad was joined by incumbent, **Allison Russo**, and challenger, **Pat Manley**. Both Allison and Pat advanced from the primary for Ohio House of Representatives District 24 on April 28, 2020. The 24th District of the Ohio House of Representatives consists of portions of Columbus, as well as Grove City, Hilliard, Upper Arlington, and Worthington in Franklin County.

Allison Russo:

Allison serves on the following committees: Health, State and Local Government, Financial Institutions, Aging and Long-Term Care, and the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee. She is Policy Research Director for a healthcare policy consulting firm, where she also leads business development efforts and strategy. She volunteers for Meals on Wheels and the United Way. She earned her Doctor of Public Health in health policy from The George Washington University and a Master of Public Health in epidemiology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Allison and her husband and three children live in Upper Arlington.

Pat Manley:

Pat is a small business owner, licensed architect and an Adjunct Instructor at Columbus State. He serves on the Board of Directors for Dave Fox Design/Build, is a past President of the Ohio Chapter Association of Licensed Architects, member of the Clintonville, Hilliard and Tri-Village Chambers of Commerce and owns Manley Architect Group. He grew up in Appalachia, attended Ohio State University and is a cancer survivor. Pat lives in Clintonville and has two adult sons.

Brad was able to ask the candidates two questions:

How Governor DeWine handled the COVID-19 pandemic and whether they support efforts to reduce his power and executive authority during an emergency?

Manley: appreciated the Governor's intention and quick actions but ultimately feels the decisions were made on bad data and the state wide mandates should have been voluntary not mandatory, the mandates were an overreach and exceeded the Governor and Health Director's authority

Russo: mostly supportive, would have liked to have seen mandates go in order sooner, by and large decisions have been consistent with the science and experts, does not support efforts to reduce powers given to Governor or Health Director during health crisis

How you plan to balance Ohio's budget and where you would make cuts?

Manley: not raise taxes, cut \$100,000,000 from budget, trim services, bring in new businesses

Russo: use rainy day fund, push for more federal dollars (CARES Act), additional Medicaid match funding



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Candidates also submitted written answers to member questions:

Question #1: For both: in light of all the talk about defunding police - what are your plans to keep our district's safe? As someone who moved to UA from the Hilltop, where we relied heavily on the police - this issue is very important for me.

Q1: Traditional suburbs like Upper Arlington have been safer than urban areas and adequately policed. The events of this year have shown us that violence and looting has arrived in Columbus. With Upper Arlington literally being adjacent to downtown, only a few minutes away from the riots we saw last summer, police protection vigilance and more resources are needed.

Manley:

I was endorsed by both the police and firefighters, as well as small and family-owned businesses. The members of all three organizations were directly impacted by the violence, as well as the subsequent protests that infiltrated Upper Arlington and Hilliard.

The reason I was endorsed over my opponent was a combination of my dedication and commitment to law and order, and supporting the efforts of law enforcement and firefighters over many years. Although she denies it now that it was uncovered, my opponent quietly pledged to defund police, joining a consortium of over 1,000 state legislators and candidates across the country. She has never condemned the violent protests and she refused to screen for the police endorsement. If she supported the police, she certainly would have screened for their endorsement.

If I am elected, I will seek increased funding, training and resources for law enforcement, firefighters and EMTs. I will also fight to retain school resource officers who are really relationship officers, and the first line of defense to protect our children.

Russo:

First and foremost, let me be absolutely clear that I believe our men and women in law enforcement should have the resources they need to keep our communities safe, and as state lawmakers, we

can ensure this happens by protecting critical local government funding, which has taken more than a \$1 billion cut over the last decade in the state budget. I also believe strongly in investing in community programs and policies that prevent crime, including mental health and addiction services, education, and job training. As the wife and daughter-in-law of former federal law enforcement officers, I recognize that the vast majority of law enforcement officers are incredible public servants who take tremendous risks in their jobs and are fully committed to treating all individuals with dignity and equal justice. However, we cannot ignore the need for police reforms that improve use-of-force training, address systemic bias, increase officer diversity recruitment, and expand transparency and review of excessive force. Supporting our law enforcement officers and public safety, while also holding these public servants accountable for needed reforms, are not mutually exclusive. All citizens, regardless of where they live, deserve to feel safe and protected by law enforcement when they need it most.

Q2: The first amendment says, "congress should make no law respecting an establishment of religion." That being the case, do either one of you oppose legal marriage between two men or two women, if so, how do you justify that view without your personal religious beliefs playing into it?

Manley

---> Support or non-support for same sex marriage is not connected to the either the Establishment Clause and the Free Exercise Clause in the First Amendment. Religious reasons for any belief are protected under the latter, and the former does not prevent religious beliefs from being used as the basis for decisions.

To your question, I must point out that the Constitution does not give the government legal authority over marriage, and I believe the state government has no business in the lives of individuals. I believe a marriage is between two people, not between two people and the government. If two individuals want the blessing of their religion, that is perfectly fine and should be encouraged. I believe in the institution of marriage and its positive influence on people, relationships, children and society as a whole. I just do not accept the government's role.

Russo:

I fully support marriage equality, and my Christian faith has never been in conflict with that stance. I am also a co-sponsor of the Ohio Fairness Act, which adds sexual orientation and gender identity or expression to the laws that make discrimination illegal in Ohio.

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THE MEETING



Jeanine Hummer gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance

Visiting Rotarians: **Jim Lynch**

Guests: **Allison Russo** introduced her guests, **Michaela Burriss** and **Molly Seguin**. **Debbie Johnson** introduced her guest, **Eric Yassenoff**

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Debbie Johnson asked for a few more volunteers to assist with the Miller Park gazebo refurbish...October 17th 9:00-12:00

Dave Dewey announced that November is Foundation Month for the Rotary Foundation so be on the lookout for donation opportunities and details regarding the 125 Club

Debbie announced that **Eric Stoll** welcomed a baby boy on September 29th

Not to be out done, **Paul Germain** announced the arrival of a baby boy...also born on September 29th

Milt Lustnauer asked for Program suggestions for months of December and January

Chip Knoop reminded the Club that the Community Service Committee meets the first Monday of every month and encouraged all, but especially new members, to participate...if interested contact Chip or **Barri Jones**

Barri Jones asked anyone that is ready to get rid of old computers or laptops to wait until the Community Service Committee announces a program to help

Jim Nicklaus promoted the next Rotary Roundtable...via Zoom ONLY October 13th 10:00 - 11:30 AM - **Cheryl Achterberg**, Former Dean of OSU College of Education Discusses "Dementia Caregiving & Care Givers"



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FRIENDLY PHONE LINE PILOT PROGRAM

The Friendly Phone Line Program is available to older adult residents in Upper Arlington who are looking for friendly conversation and social connection.

These calls are not intended to be a space to provide counseling, case management, or health information/recommendations.

Volunteers are required to complete an application, background check and be available for the duration of the pilot program (October 2020-January 31, 2021).

To qualify as a volunteer:

- Appreciate talking to older adults
- Must be 18 years or older
- Be willing to commit to volunteering for four months
- Complete live virtual training (date TBA)
- Complete a background check

All calls will be made using a virtual phone system.

Anticipated start date of the program will be October 2020.

Questions about the program?

Interested in becoming a volunteer?

Contact Sarah Thornberry, Volunteer Coordinator (210) 773-2113
or thornberry.25@buckeyemail.osu.edu