

September 2024 Legislative Update from State Rep. Juanita O. Brent

From the desk of Rep. Juanita O. Brent
House District 22



Dear Neighbor,

Happy last month of summer. I am making the most of this time to meet, celebrate, learn, and protest with community leaders, organizations, business owners, and students. I toured the Middletown Energy Center and celebrated with students and educators at the East Cleveland School District Convocation. I also attended the NCSL Legislative Conference and toured the Cuyahoga County Fair.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month. Make use of the long list of resources and services that Ohio's 251 public libraries has to offer. Use the QR Code on the next page to sign up for a Library card.

The November 5th General Election is coming soon. Have you checked your voter registration? Ohio's Secretary of State has purged 155,000 inactive voter registrations from Ohio's voter rolls. Take the time now to check your registration status or reregister to vote.

I look forward to continuing to serve House District 22. Please contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,
State Rep. Juanita O. Brent
House District 22



Rep. Brent in The Community



Cuyahoga County Fair



National Conference of State Legislators



Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Protest



Middletown Energy Center



East Cleveland School District Convocation



Register to
VOTE

Check your
Voter
Registration
Status



Helpful Contacts

Public Safety: publicsafety.ohio.gov

Taxation: www.tax.ohio.gov

Jobs and Family Services: jfs.ohio.gov

Bureau of Motor Vehicles:

www.bmv.ohio.gov

Highway Patrol 877-7-PATROL

Form Requests 800-282-1782

Veteran Services 888-296-7541

Information 800-589-TAGS

DUI Hotline 800-GRAB-DUI

Taxpayer Assistance 800-282-1780

Unemployment 877-644-6562

LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

Cuyahoga County Library Services

- Free Computer use and wifi access
- Library2You: A free book delivery service
- Benefits Navigator: Library provides trained staff who can help you access social services
- Passport Services
- Career Services
- Adult Education Services
- U.S. Citizenship classes
- Recording, 3D Printing, & Design studios
- Homework & School Readiness Help

LIBRARY SIGN UP



Applying for a Card



BACK TO SCHOOL: ATTENDANCE AND TRUANCY

The Department of Education & Workforce has provided schools information for interventions steps for students with severe attendance issues and truancy laws.



Scan the QR Code to Learn More

NEW BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Loiter is the canvas where East Cleveland paints its own story of strength, unity, and boundless potential."



EARLY VOTING

Absentee Voting

- Each county has one drop box to return their Absentee Ballot/Requests to
- Absentee Ballots must be dropped off no later than 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.
- Cuyahoga County Board of Elections Drop Box
 - P.O. Box 89448, Cleveland, OH 44101

How to request an Absentee Ballot?

- Go to Ohiosos.gov
- Click Elections & Voting Header
- Click Voters: Voteohio.gov Tab
- Click Request an Absentee Ballot



Early In-Person Voting

Where to Vote

Cuyahoga County Board of Elections

- P.O. Box 89448, Cleveland, OH 44101

Acceptable ID

- Ohio driver license
- Ohio state ID card
- BMV interim ID
- U.S. passport
- U.S. Passport card
- A U.S. military, National Guard, or VA ID card



CELL PHONES IN SCHOOLS

- Ohio law now requires all schools to adopt policies on student phones usage during school hours by July 1, 2025.



Ohio Cell Phone Policy

- Emphasize that student cell phone use be as limited as possible during school hours.
- Reduce cell phone-related distractions in classroom settings.
- May permit students to use cell phones or other technological devices for student learning or to monitor or address a health concern.