

# Clergy Endorsement for U.S. Senator representing Ohio in 2022 Primary Election

Knowing righteousness exalts a nation, (Proverbs 14:34), it is vitally important persons of integrity be chosen to serve in elected positions. Exodus 18:21 says, “Moreover, thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear GOD, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. “

With that being said, it is our role as overseers over our congregations and community to ‘shepherd the sheep.’ Proverbs 3:27 says “withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.”

The Ohio primary election will be held Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022, with early in-person voting and absentee voting beginning Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. As of January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the following candidates running for Ohio Senate with the Republican Party include: Matt Dolan, Mike Gibbons, Josh Mandel, Jane Timken, and J.D. Vance.

**Based on a Biblical worldview, our strong conviction as (114) one hundred-fourteen clergy throughout the State of Ohio, Josh Mandel will best serve as U.S. Senator representing Ohio for the upcoming May 3rd, 2022 Primary Election to advance the cause of faith, family, and freedom.**

Our personal endorsement of Josh Mandel is based on his record as State Treasurer for his previous two terms and as an Ohio House of Representative for another two previous terms. The record of his positions that we approve of include:

- Support for the sanctity of life and the defunding of abortion providers (1-2)
- Advocacy of biological gender and traditional marriage (3)
- Advocacy of religious freedom (4)
- Support of self-defense and local law enforcement (5-6)
- Support for parental rights and resistance to divisive social justice (3)
- Support for election integrity (7-8)

Of special note, as clergy it is refreshing to learn Josh Mandel has made churches a focus in his campaign. As the grandson of Holocaust survivors, father of three, and a Marine Corps veteran, we admire Josh Mandel’s position in defending the Bible and the Constitution.

We believe it is no small matter as a freshman state legislator, Josh Mandel publicly opposed the Speaker of the House from his own political party by advocating for the rights of Christian clergy to invoke the name of Jesus Christ when offering the opening prayer for legislative session.

While in Mansfield, Josh Mandel stated “The mantra of our campaign is pastors over politicians. I am not interested in earning the support of politicians, but I am very interested in earning the support and endorsement of pastors and Christian activists.” (9)

Furthermore, according to Proverbs 29:2, “When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice, but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.” Therefore, we remind all citizens of their civic and spiritual duty to vote and make sure they are registered to vote prior to the Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 2022 deadline. For more information regarding voter registration and viewing sample ballots, please go to:

<https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/>

## **The following (114) Ohio clergy formally announce their support of Josh Mandel as the next U.S. Senator from Ohio:**

**Pastor J.C. Church  
Pastor Tim Throckmorton  
Pastor Dan Wolvin  
Pastor Bobby Mithcell  
Pastor Mike Bucher  
Pastor Josiah Kagin  
Pastor Chaz Boes  
Pastor Jeremy Rands  
Pastor Rodney Lord  
Pastor Sheldon Mencer  
Pastor Andrew Stensaas  
Pastor Barry Clardy  
Pastor Jimmy Meredith  
Pastor Wes Lynch  
Pastor Lawrence Bishop II  
Pastor Jim Alter  
Pastor John LaRue  
Pastor Dallas Waggle  
Reverend El Akuchie  
Bishop Anthony Cooper  
Pastor George Lewis  
Pastor Russ Smith  
Pastor Mark Dettmer  
Pastor Dan Baer  
Pastor David Ferrell  
Pastor Dink Porter  
Pastor Ben Gregg  
Pastor Brian Phillips  
Pastor Kevin Evans  
Pastor Clyde Kerby  
Pastor David Guild  
Pastor Faron Cole**

**Pastor James Marshall  
Pastor Matt Merendino  
Pastor Jerry O’Brien  
Pastor Ferlie Yates  
Pastor Rick Lewis  
Pastor Floyd Allen  
Rabbi William Hallbrook  
Pastor Chris Spencer  
Pastor Tim Davis  
Rabbi Bob Bauer  
Pastor Bill Fox  
Pastor Eric Byrom  
Pastor Chad Hayes  
Pastor Steve Baldrige  
Bishop Sylvester Ginn  
Pastor Mike Rose  
Pastor Clint Zeigler  
Pastor David Bates  
Pastor Matthew Potosky  
Pastor Rob Ratcliff  
Pastor Les Vnasdale  
Pastor James Hill  
Bishop Ronnie Reed  
Pastor Jason Manns  
Pastor Brett Gleespen  
Pastor Brian Hall  
Pastor Scott Kelso  
Pastor Jeff Tauring  
Pastor Randy Evers  
Pastor Miller Montoya  
Pastor Waskar Liranzo  
Pastor Jesus Herrejon**

**Pastor Tom Brown  
Pastor Matthew Hancock  
Pastor Stephanie Little  
Pastor Chris Stephens  
Bishop Ed Akers  
Pastor David Forbes  
Pastor Mark Rood Jr.  
Pastor Joe Bruch  
Pastor Joe Sylvestri  
Pastor David Neal  
Pastor Mark Galambos  
Pastor Tim Walker  
Pastor Jerry Roff  
Pastor Michael Continenza  
Pastor Ricky Branham  
Pastor Robert Caw  
Pastor Ronald Turner  
Pastor Greg Griffith  
Pastor John Rasicci  
Pastor Jorge Farrat  
Pastor Mike Payne  
Pastor Ken Schad  
Pastor Richard Hall  
Pastor Charles Burgess  
Pastor Larry Stitt  
Pastor Bob Cook  
Pastor James Garrett  
Pastor Jesse Arroyo  
Pastor Greg Delaney  
Pastor Doug Shope  
Pastor Christian Mayes  
Pastor Phil Howard**

**Pastor Randy Raynes**  
**Pastor Steve Schag**  
**Pastor Christopher Thomas**  
**Pastor Art Kennard**  
**Pastor Steven Conn**  
**Pastor James Spencer**  
**Pastor Mark Wireman**

**Pastor Darlene Bishop**  
**Pastor Steve Phillips**  
**Pastor Ron Baker**  
**Pastor Dan Kroger**  
**Pastor Joe Shutts**  
**Pastor Aaron Reed**  
**Pastor Stan Braxton**

**Pastor Robert Childers**  
**Pastor Mark Porter**  
**Pastor Emmanuel Doulay**  
**Pastor Michael Kelly**

These listed clergy endorsees are from 36 counties throughout the state. Counties with the most clergy endorsees include: Richland (35), Crawford (7) Franklin (6) Cuyahoga (5) and Wayne (5).

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