

OH-07 District Primer

In 2024, Republican Max Miller won this seat by **58,569 votes—that’s 109 votes per precinct**. If we can persuade just *110 voters per precinct*, we can win this year. With your help, we’re going to **FLIP** this key seat and secure a Democratic House majority in 2026.

Key dates

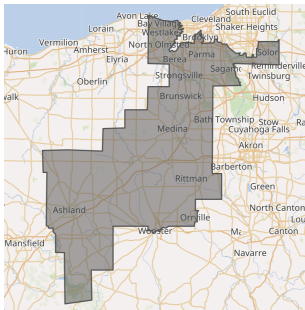
Early Voting begins: October 6, 2026

Midterms: November 3, 2026

Recent Election Results

2024 Presidential Election	2024 House Election	2022 House Election
Harris: 185,110 (44.3%) Trump: 229,613 (54.9%)	Mathew Diemer (D): 144,613 (36.1%) Max Miller (R): 204,494 (51.1%) Dennis Kucinich (I): 51,264 (12.8%)	Mathew Diemer (D): 135,485 (44.6%) Max Miller (R): 168,002 (55.3%)

District Facts & Stats



Largest Cities

- Parma, pop. 79,870
- Strongsville, pop. 45,983
- Westlake, pop. 34,104

Geography

OH-07 is located in the northeastern section of the state, including southern and western Cuyahoga County, all of Medina and Wayne Counties, and a sliver of northern Holmes County. It is a rural-suburban mix, and includes 3,566 mostly family farms, of mid-size.

Note: Ohio redrew its House election maps ahead of the 2026 election, so maps of the current district are not the same as the map for the election and the future district

Citizenry

OH-07 is socio-economically mixed, mainly white and native born. The major industries here are health care and social assistance services. Also important are manufacturing, retail trade and professional, scientific and technical services. Housing is 76% owner-occupied and 4.9% live below the poverty line. 8% of households participate in SNAP and 13.9% of the population are enrolled in Medicaid. 38.3% of the district residents have a BA or higher. Agriculture, though employing a small percent of the population is important economically.

The Local Vibe

Tariffs have been a disaster for OH-07, for farmers and the manufacturing industry and for ordinary people, and are a major political issue. DOGE made cuts to Ohio's health and human services grants which will affect health care as well as jobs in the district.

Several hundreds, to thousands, attended *No Kings* rallies in Parma and Strongsville.

The domestic abuse of which the Republican candidate is accused now dominates this race.

There will also be a race for US Senator on the 2026 ballot, with Sherrod Brown running against Jon Husted in a special election to fill the seat vacated by J.D. Vance.

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Key Issues

- **Cost of living:** As in many parts of the country, wages have failed to keep up with the rising costs of everything from groceries to gas.
 - **Jobs:** Many jobs here are in hospitals and schools, two sectors that are greatly harmed by Trump's budget cuts and the DOGE cuts. Manufacturing is also shedding jobs as a result of the tariffs.
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About the Candidates

Brian Poindexter | Democratic Candidate

Brian Poindexter is a union ironworker, from a three generation union family. After working at many jobs, in 2007 he worked his way through the union ironworker apprenticeship program, simultaneously earning an Associate Degree in Applied Industrial Technology from Cuyahoga Community College. He spent two years as a union organizer and now serves as an apprenticeship instructor at Ironworkers Local 17. In 2017 he was elected to the Brook Park City Council.

Poindexter's number one priority is to fight for working people. He says that fair wages, predictable costs, and real economic security are not radical ideas, and that the double standard in Washington means that tax cuts go to the wealthy while working families are asked to sacrifice. He wants healthcare that makes sense - that is portable and dependable - not dependent on a job that can give bad bosses too much power, and that makes a change in work into a family crisis. He opposes Trump's blanket tariffs that raise prices and hurt farmers; he would support targeted tariffs to protect jobs.

Poindexter is supported by a wide range of Democrats, including both Bernie Sanders and Pete Buttigieg.

Max Miller | GOP Incumbent

Max Miller was elected to represent OH-07 in the House in 2022. Before that he was in the Marines and then served as an advisor to Trump in the White House.

Miller says he has a record of fighting against "radical Democrat policies." He favors cutting taxes, although by this he means his vote for the OBBB (Trump's 2025 budget) which cuts taxes almost exclusively for the very wealthy. Because Trump's tariffs have done so much damage to OH-07 Miller has tried to separate himself from Trump on this issue, by introducing a bill that would waive some tariffs, if doing so would protect manufacturing jobs, even though he voted for those tariffs.

He was favored to win re-election in this generally conservative district until he was accused of the physical and emotional abuse of his ex-wife and their two-year old daughter. Both his ex-father in law, Bernie Moreno, and Jon Husted, who are the two Republican U.S. Senators representing Ohio called for him to resign but he refused. This has become the major issue in this campaign.

The contrast: Max Miller is clearly not fit to represent the people of this district, or any district, while Brian Poindexter will be a real voice for the working families of OH-07 in Washington.