



February 2026 Legislative Update STATE REP. JUANITA O. BRENT

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From the Desk of Rep. Juanita O. Brent

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

2026 is Here. I continue to be grateful to be serving the best of Ohio, House District 18.

The Capital Budget process has started. The capital budget typically includes around \$150-\$200M for community projects such as Renovating Historical Sites, Nature Preserves and so much more. Contact your City officials now to submit Project submissions early.

February is Black History Month, a time to honor the legacies of Civil Rights icons like John Lewis, Maya Angelou, Rosa Park and visionaries like Malcolm X. It is also a time to renew our efforts to uphold the civil liberties so many fought for.

The Primary Election is May 5th. Do not forget starting this year there a new Election Laws. SB293 removes the 4-Day Grace period for late absentee ballots and HB74 bans third parties from completing voter registration or absentee ballot forms.

Juanita Brent

Sincerely,
State Representative
Juanita O. Brent
House District 18



Rep. Brent in The Community



Woodmere Mayor
Nakeshia Nickerson



Shaker Heights City Council



Cleveland Hts Mayor
Jim Petras



North Randal Mayor and
Village Council



Warrensville Heights
City Council

MAY 5TH PRIMARY ELECTION

**MONDAY, APRIL 6TH
DEADLINE
TO REGISTER TO VOTE**



**Register to
VOTE**

Helpful Contacts

Public Safety: publicsafety.ohio.gov
Highway Patrol 877-7-PATROL
DUI Hotline 800-GRAB-DUI

Taxation: www.tax.ohio.gov
Form Requests 800-282-1782
Taxpayer Assistance 800-282-1780

Jobs and Family Services: jfs.ohio.gov
Veteran Services 888-296-7541
Unemployment 877-644-6562

Bureau of Motor Vehicles:
www.bmv.ohio.gov
Information 800-589-TAGS

CALL TO ACTION

Call & Email Committee Leaders to **STOP PRO - ICE Bills**

House Government Oversight Committee

HB 42: Requires State Agencies to collect and report immigration data

Chair	Rep46@ohiohouse.gov	(614) 644-5094
Ranking Member	Rep2@ohiohouse.gov	(614) 466-8010

House Public Safety Committee

HB 281: Requires Hospitals to allow ICE to enter to make arrests

HB 26 & SB 172: Bans Municipalities from stopping or restricting ICE

Chair	Rep29@ohiohouse.gov	(614) 466-9091
Ranking Member	Rep25@ohiohouse.gov	(614) 466-1645

May 5th Primary Election Day

EARLY IN-PERSON & MAIL-IN VOTING BEGINS

APRIL 7TH

LAST DAY TO REQUEST MAIL-IN BALLOTS

APRIL 28TH



Early In-person Voting Schedule

April 7 - 10: 8AM to 5PM
April 13 - 17: 8AM to 5PM
April 20 - 24: 8AM to 5PM
April 27: 7:30AM to 7:30PM

April 28: 7:30AM to 8:30PM
April 29 - May 1: 7:30AM to 7:30PM
May 2: 8AM to 4PM
May 3: 1PM to 5PM

Rep. Brent in The Community



University Circle



The Music Settlement



Governor and First Lady DeWine

Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly

- PACE is a care model for individuals 55+ to receive services are delivered at home, in a PACE Center, or in the community.
- Provides comprehensive care, not just medical services.
 - Doctors, Meal Deliveries, Medications, Rides and more...



Work Ohio

- WorkOhio links job seekers with local experts in Ohio for job placement, skill development, and career support.
- It enhances job searching through personalized assistance and resources available statewide.



WorkOhio

Reach Your Full Potential



ArtsNEXT Grant

- The ArtsNEXT program provides funding for innovative projects that enhance program design and create new work.
- Applicants may request up to **\$25,000**.



ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Educational institutions
Non-Profit
Local Governments

DEADLINE: SUNDAY, MARCH 1

First Energy Settlement

- FirstEnergy's Electric companies have settle with PUCO to repay **\$250 Million** to their customers.

\$20 Million

Support low-income energy assistance programs

\$249 Million

Restitution to Customers



FirstEnergy

\$6.6 Million + \$6.2M Interest

Refunded for improper charges



\$5 Million

Restitution to the Retail Energy Supply Association for violations of corporate separation regulation