



September 12, 2025

9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

MAGNET - Kelvin & Eleanor Event Spaces A & B

1800 E 63rd St

Cleveland, OH 44103

- 9:00 AM WELCOME & OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM**
Steve Stivers, Ohio Chamber President & CEO
Adam Rapien, Ohio Chamber SVP of Political Engagement
- 9:30 AM QUALIFYING TO RUN & LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**
Director Tony Perlatti and Deputy Tony Kaloger, Cuyahoga County Board of Elections
- 10:30 AM FUNDRAISING: BEST PRACTICES**
Bridgette Tupes, RT Advisors
Kathi Paroska, The Paroska Group, Inc.
- 11:30 PM 15-MINUTE BREAK**
- 11:45 PM TALES FROM THE TRAIL (Lunchtime Panel)**
Moderated by Steve Stivers
State Rep. Bride Rose Sweeney, Strongsville City Councilman Gordon Short, & Maple Heights Mayor Annette Blackwell
- 12:45 PM 15-MINUTE BREAK**
- 1:00 PM POLICY DECISIONS & OUR BUSINESS CLIMATE**
Rick Carfagna, Ohio Chamber SVP of Government Affairs & former State Representative
- 1:30 PM STORYTELLING & MESSAGING**
Joe Retoff, RT Advisors
Joe King, The Strategy Group Co.
- 2:30 PM GRASSROOTS & PAID VOTER CONTACT**
Chris McNulty, InField Pro
Vanessa Teylosue, Burges & Burges
- 3:30 PM WRAP-UP**