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## OCCO Supports Approval of Issue 2 on November Ballot

The Ohio Council of County Officials supports the adoption of Issue 2 on the 2022 November 8 ballot. County Officials at the September 28 meeting voted to support adoption of the measure. Issue 2 is a constitutional amendment that would bar noncitizens from registering to vote in Ohio.

Currently, the State Constitution requires all voters to be registered for a minimum of 30 days and be a citizen of Ohio and the US to vote in state and county elections. However, municipalities with home rule powers in the state may allow noncitizens to vote in local elections including city council or mayoral races.

OCCO believes allowing noncitizens to vote in local election is a slippery slope and should not be allowed in the state of Ohio. Local citizens who are registered to vote should decide state races, county races, and local races. Noncitizens whether here legally or not need to go through the naturalization process prior to being registered to vote. This is good policy and should be the standard across the state-not just in certain communities.

OCCO urges individuals to vote in the November 8, 2022 election and we encourage you to vote to support Issue 2.