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In addition to an open-seat governor's race, Ohio voters will choose a new attorney general, secretary of state, state auditor, and state treasurer. All 99 seats in the house and 17 of the 33 seats in the senate are also on the ballot. The gubernatorial race is expected to be competitive while Republicans anticipate maintaining control of other executive offices and the legislature.

Governor

Republican Nominee

Vivek Ramaswamy

Vivek Ramaswamy is a Cincinnati native, author, former Republican presidential candidate, and founder of a biotechnology company. Ramaswamy first gained national political prominence during his 2024 Republican presidential campaign, where he positioned himself as an **anti-establishment conservative** focused on reducing the size of the federal government, reforming the administrative state, and promoting an "America First" agenda.

Ramaswamy has centered his campaign on **lowering taxes, reducing government spending and regulation, and making Ohio a national leader in economic growth**. Ramaswamy has also proposed a **broad government reform** platform focused on improving efficiency and accountability. He has pledged to modernize state agencies through technology and artificial intelligence and to overhaul the state's permitting process to speed up business development.

He has pledged to **eliminate capital gains tax, state income tax** over time, and to rollback **property taxes**. Ramaswamy has also called for **conservative education reforms** emphasizing **parental rights**. He wants to raise standards with a focus on 3rd-grade **literacy**, 8th-grade numeracy, and 12th-grade civics. He supports mandating daily physical education and expanding career and technical education and **apprenticeships**.

Ramaswamy supports efforts to **expand natural gas** and deploy innovative energy technologies to strengthen Ohio's energy supply. He wants to **streamline energy project permits** and remove unnecessary regulations. He hopes to strengthen workforce development, and attract investment in **advanced manufacturing**, biotechnology, semiconductor production, nuclear energy, and other emerging industries.

He has also emphasized combating the **opioid crisis** and increasing **support for law enforcement**. He supports **stricter bail and sentencing** for repeat violent offenders.

Larry Sabato's Crystal Ball rates this race as Lean Republican while **The Cook Political Report** rates it as a toss-up.

Trivia: As a student at Harvard, Ramaswamy was a member of the university's rap group and performed under the stage name "Da Vek."